



New managers for two care homes

THE town's elderly care sector is to get a welcome jobs boost with locally-based Agincare taking over two homes in Weymouth Avenue.

Around half a million pounds will be spent bringing the buildings up to date and creating between 30 and 40 new jobs.

One of the homes, Greenbushes, has been closed for more than a year. The other property, Avenue House, re-

mains open as a care home and has now been re-named Badbury Care Home. Both had been run by administrators after the previous owners ran into financial difficulties.

Improvements have already been made to Badbury Care Home with new residents moving in this week.

The neighbouring property, immediately to the south, will be extensively re-furnished, re-named Maumbury

House and re-opened as a nursing home later in the year.

"We're likely to create at least 35 jobs once the work is completed, it will depend on the final bed places," said company chief executive Raina Summerson.

"It looked like the Marie Celeste when we first went in to Greenbushes; everything was just abandoned," she said, "But once the work is completed it will make a lovely building."

Agincare started in the Weymouth area in

the mid-1980s and now has around 50 sites, mainly in Dorset, Kent and the Swindon area.

"To be honest we weren't really interested to begin with. We thought we had enough properties in and around Weymouth but the agents kept calling us so eventually we came and had a look and thought we would give it a go," she said.

"They are lovely old

buildings and we thought in the end that we could do a lot with them."

In time the company is also likely to base the administration of its home care business at the Weymouth Avenue site.

Agincare also boasts an Admiral Nurse on site, Jo Palmer, one of the few companies in the area to employ one of the specialists, sup-

port people with dementia.

Ms Summerson, a former homes inspector who is involved with the care sector at national level, says the company is keen to get involved with the community in Dorchester and will be directly consulting with neighbours about building work at Greenbushes which the company hopes to start towards the end of March, subject to any necessary planning consents or building regulation approvals.

"We will also be planning an open day for the community and would welcome people to come and have a look around."

Badbury will be managed by Melanie Hawker who has been at the home for almost 20 years and says she is looking forward to seeing the improvements taking shape over the coming weeks.

Badbury is registered for 33 beds and the adjoining property, Greenbushes, may have to be re-registered in view of the year-long

closure and planned works, but has the potential for an additional 45 beds. When it shut in December 2013 almost 30 staff were made redundant.

Joint administrators Bob Maxwell and Julie Palmer from Begbies Traynor in Leeds appointed Goldencare Future Management from Doncaster to run the businesses while a buyer was sought for the businesses with Avenue House, as it was known until three weeks ago, remaining open throughout.

By Trevor Bevins

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■ The former Avenue House, Dorchester, now Badbury Care Home and being run by new owners, Weymouth-based Agincare. Pictured are company chief executive Raina Summerson (second from right); Admiral Nurse, Jo Palmer (centre rear); Badbury manager Melanie Hawker (second left); business owner Derek Luckhurst and Caroline Dale, Operations Director

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MARJORY Mulrooney is a local artist making new work and exploring experimental techniques and media. She studied Fine Art at Plymouth University and the University College of London and spent many years working and teaching in the UK, Europe and Sultanate of Oman. She settled in Dorset two years ago with her husband Hugh after running life-drawing workshops in France for eight years.

Megan Dunford was born and raised in Dorset and is the exhibitions assistant at Bridport Arts Centre. She studied a BTEC Diploma Foundation in Art and Technology at Somerset College before studying a Fine Art Painting Degree in Cardiff. Megan has since moved back to Dorset where she works for several local arts organisations.

They are currently joint curating an exhibition called 'CRE8' which will feature work from a group of eight women artists in West Dorset and will be on display at the Chapel in the Garden on east Street.

WHAT inspired you to work in art?

Marjory: I have always been fascinated by the materials used in making art. From the age of eight when I was given my first 'real' box of paints - a lovely black metal box containing perfect little pans of water-colour with mysterious names like 'Rose Madder', 'Gamboge' and 'Viridian' - one of the main starting points for any work has been the material itself. In the past year, I have made pieces which have explored the rich, reflective qualities of graphite. So instead of using it as a pencil, I have made graphite itself the subject of the works, creating abstract, textural images. I am currently looking at other non-traditional materials and will be showing works made from tea bags, string and fishing line in forthcoming exhibitions.

Megan: Curating is becoming more and more of a fascination and a passion for me, so to be able to put on such an interesting exhibition at the Chapel in the Garden, with such an interesting mix of artists is brilliant! My work changes all the time, but I am mainly interested in abstract colour in the landscape and the contrast of surfaces/ materials next to each other. For this exhibition at the Chapel I will be making some new work that reflects the Women of the Wildcat Strike of 1912 and the struggle they had to go through to fight for their rights as Women.

COULD you tell me more about the upcoming exhibition 'CRE8'?

Marjory: This show grew out of an involvement with the group of women who decided to recreate photographs taken in 1912 of the women workers at Gundry's who went on strike in protest at their wages being cut. They were among the first women in Britain to take action in order to better their working lot and the intention is to re-enact their protest on Saturday, February 14th starting in Bucky Doo Square and marching to the spot where they were photographed 103 years ago.

Megan and I will be among those taking part in the march as well as the exhibition, which is another way of celebrating the work of artists living and working in the Bridport area, who also happen to be women.



In a way it is a tribute to those women of 1912 who were such strong role models. There is much more information on the Bridport Wildcats - as they are known - online. Just goggle Bridport Wildcats. The photographs will be taken by Rachel Dunford who will also be showing work in the exhibition.

WHAT other art based projects have you done?

Megan: I also work freelance as a visual art promoter and have worked on events such as Dorset Art Weeks, Dorset Art Fair and Bridport Open Studios. 'CRE8' is the first show I have curated without backing from an organisation or event, so very exciting and daunting.

Marjory: I have shown work in a number of countries including Oman, where I spent seven years working and teaching, and in France where I also ran life-drawing workshops for eight years. On returning to the UK, we settled in Penzance, Cornwall, where I showed work with the St Ives Society of Artists and in other gallery shows before moving to Bridport in May 2013. I collaborated in a group show at the Chapel in the Garden with Megan and three other artists in August

2014 as part of Bridport Open Studios.

BESIDES the upcoming exhibition, are you currently working on any other events and exhibitions?

Megan: I have so many ideas for exhibitions or projects later this year, but nothing set in stone yet!

Marjory: I will be showing work in the foyer of the arts centre in June/July 2015, it will be a selection of my most recent works on paper and will be called 'Out of Line'.

IF you could live your life again, what would you be?

Marjory: I have worked as a teacher in a number of countries besides the UK - mainly in Bulgaria, Germany and the Sultanate of Oman. If I hadn't become an artist I would have loved to be a musician. Musicians are welcomed wherever they go and I always regret that I never had an opportunity to learn to play an instrument. Of course if you are a singer you can travel light as you carry your instrument with you. That must be the best of all. However, I always wanted to be an artist and am perfectly happy to be able to share what I do with others. It never gets easier though!

Megan: I still feel like I have the rest of my life ahead of me as I am not yet 26. I agree with Marjory to be a musician would be fun, if not difficult at times. However if I had to start again, I would like to be born in a different country, somewhere along a warm coast in the Mediterranean. I love being outdoors and by the sea so this would suit me perfectly.

WHAT is the one thing you like most about working with art?

Megan: It is never boring and you are always changing, adapting and learning.

'CRE8' will be at the Chapel in the Garden, East Street, from Tuesday, February 10th to Saturday, February 14th at 10am to 4pm and Sunday, February 15th from 12noon to 4pm. Visit www.cre8dorset.wordpress.com for more details.

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DWP called to account by furious residents

WEYMOUTH & Portland is demanding that Dorset Waste Partnership bosses take full responsibility for the "mismanagement" of a new rubbish collection system.

Furious residents swamped councillors with complaints about poor delivery of containers, poor collection of redundant containers, missed collections and uncollected rubbish piling up in streets.

Now a meeting of Weymouth & Portland full council has overwhelmingly voted 27-1 with two abstentions to approve a Notice of Motion calling on DWP to explain to residents how they are going to deal with complaints and improve all levels of the rubbish collection service.

The motion concludes: "We further ask that the senior management team (of DWP) accepts responsibility and is held accountable for the gross errors in funding estimates, and seek reassurances of more robust budget estimates in the future."

DWP chairman Tony Alford immediately approached The View after the meeting to say they were already taking action to deal with complaints and make improvements.

He added that DWP had "a lot of work going on" and was "working hard to make things better" and to ensure confidence in DWP service delivery to all its partners including Weymouth and Portland.

Councillor Penny McCartney, who proposed the Notice of Motion, had earlier told colleagues she had "no faith" in the service and that there was a need "to restore some sort of public confidence in DWP" which should be

held accountable for what had happened.

She cited bins not being collected, other bins just dumped, damage to property and disgruntled residents reduced to banding together to try and tackle rubbish problems, adding that it was "simply not acceptable" and that if it had been a private company involved then senior management would have been made accountable.

She added: "Flytipping is a big issue on Portland and I don't want to see it get worse."

Councillor Mike Byatt said Weymouth and Portland, like other local authorities, was under "considerable financial pressure", public confidence could not be underestimated and there was a need to engage with DWP "to ensure a sound service is delivered together with proper financial management".

He added that Weymouth & Portland could not properly plan its financial future when it suddenly had to meet an extra £200,000 bill because DWP had overspent by more than £2 million.

Councillor Ian Roebuck said he had "no sympathy" with DWP's over-budgeting but it was false to suggest the whole problem was its management because DWP had strong connections with Dorset County Council.

Demanding DWP be accountable was "a knee-jerk reaction", he said, adding that the issue was to get a better service, hence the review to try and achieve that especially as DWP financial difficulties were known as long ago as February 2014.

Councillor Mike Goodman said: "We, as a council, should take

the ultimate responsibility when things go wrong like this".

He added that members now knew there were four separate investigations going on into what went wrong and to criticise officers they had political oversight for "I find really quite shaming".

Councillor Paul Kimber said there had been seven to eight weeks of "solid daily complaints about rubbish not being picked up" and Weymouth & Portland having to pay an extra £200,000 meant "someone somewhere is going to get increasingly bad services", so he backed the Motion.

Councillor Sandy West said: "It is the biggest problem we have got. I understand that with any business there is a bedding in period, but the changeover shouldn't really have been a problem. The man at the top should take responsibility."

Sharper words came from Councillor Ray Nowak who said: "We have been sold a pup."

He said there were poor finances and weak management structures, so it was good to know a review was underway and DWP needed to be given notice that an improved on-budget service was to be welcomed.

Mr Nowak said they should be telling DWP to "get your act together" and that "if we don't get value for money then look at others who can provide value for money".

Councillor Ian Bruce said: "The public are clearly concerned that something has gone wrong and that something is done to sort it out. I am very concerned that we have a system of control that doesn't work."

Antiques evening to raise funds for CAB

An evening with an antiques expert in February will raise money for the Dorchester and Sherborne Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Antiques expert Richard Bromell will be sharing some of his inside knowledge at The Digby Hall in Hound Street, Sherborne, next Thursday, February 12th at 7pm.

Richard Bromell is a director of Charterhouse auction house in Sherborne with 30 years' experience in antiques.

All proceeds from the evening will go to the bureau to help it continue to offer free and independent advice to people facing problems including housing, employment, benefits and debt issues.

Bureau manager Daniel Cadisch said: "This promises to be a great evening. Richard Bromell is an entertaining speaker with a wealth of experience and knowledge."

"We are all extremely grateful to him for supporting the bureau in this way and hope that people will

come along and enjoy the evening.

"They will find out more about the world of antiques and be helping the CAB continue its vital work in this area."

"The bureau is a charity and depends on fundraising, grants and donations so that we can always be there for anyone who turns to us for help."

Tickets are £5 in advance or £6 at the door and include a glass of wine and nibbles. They are available at the CAB offices at 1 Acland Road in Dorchester, The Manor House, Sherborne, and from the Tourist Information Centres.



■ ANTIQUES expert Richard Bromell

MP asks for new armed forces commemoration

Richard Drax, MP for South Dorset today asked the prime minister whether there would be any commemoration of the armed forces' service in Afghanistan.



■ MP Richard Drax

Speaking at prime minister's questions, the MP asked, "I know that I do not need to remind the House that 453 members of our armed forces lost their lives in Afghanistan ... and many, many more were wounded, some seriously... and, although we have brought most of our troops home, the 400 men and women of 2 Rifles are still serving with great distinction in Kabul in support of government forces."

"Would my Right Honourable friend agree with me that it's time we recognised the efforts of ALL those who served in this war with a commemorative event?"

Prime minister David Cameron replied: "I very much agree with my honourable friend."

"All British combat troops left Afghanistan by the end of last year, fulfilling the commitment that I made almost five years ago."

"On Monday, my Right Honourable friend, the Defence Secretary welcomed to parliament the final homecoming parade of our troops deployed in Afghanistan, and today, I am pleased to announce that we will hold a special service of commemoration in St Paul's cathedral and a military parade on the 13th March to mark the end of combat operations in Afghanistan."

"I believe, Mr Speaker, it is a fitting moment to pay tribute to the extraordinary contribution made by our armed forces in Afghanistan over 13 years."

"I am delighted to hear that the government will be thanking our brave men and women so publicly and properly," said Mr Drax.

"They deserve our profoundest thanks."

Local petition calls for Dorford Centre crossing

TOWN councillors have backed a local petition calling for a pedestrian crossing in Bridport Road near the Dorford Centre.

More than 300 people have signed the plea for a crossing just west of the Top O' Town roundabout, many of them users of the Dorford Centre, including a regular toddler group.

In one week in November alone, more

than 1,500 people visited the centre, many crossing from the public car park on the opposite side of the road.

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Best of Dorset 2015 launched



■ **AT THE launch (l to r) Andrew Surcouf, Cllr Rachel Rogers, Charlotte Sheppard and Phil Say**

BUSINESSES were given their first glimpse of the 2015 Best of Dorset show when its official trade launch was held at Weymouth Pavilion.

The event itself is not until March 22nd, but businesses were being encouraged to get on board early to snap up stand spaces and bargains at the 15th annual staging of this event, which highlights the best attractions, activities and leisure providers in the area.

Indigo Press is a major backer of the event and account manager Andrew Surcouf said: "We feel this is a great opportunity for businesses everywhere right across Dorset to bring people up to date with what they have to offer."

"We print for a number of tourist attractions and see the show as a good opportunity to support the leisure and tourism industry and awareness of what it has to offer."

Weymouth & Portland leisure and tourism spokesman, Councillor Rachel Rogers, said: "It is really important that businesses take this opportunity each year to rejuvenate themselves and show that off to the public and other businesses."

"Not only is it important that the public knows what businesses have to offer but that fellow businesses do as well."

Weymouth & Portland events manager, Steve Davies, said: "On the day there will be a full programme of entertainment including WOW Youth Musical Theatre, Let's Dance, Dorset for Singing, Ed Hintz and the Asda George fashion show."

"We usually have at least 1,500 visitors during the day and the place is packed with people seeing what Dorset has to offer throughout the year."

Pavilion manager Phil Say said: "The event is the annual shop window for leisure and tourism businesses in the area, but it also marks the start of the season for a town which relies heavily on tourism."

"Pavilion footfall and tickets are both up a quarter for winter 2014-2015 against winter 2013-2014 and I am sure that other businesses will be wanting to showcase how well they are doing as well."

"The Pavilion already has 14 weddings booked for this year and six for 2016 while the theatre is at-

tracting big names such as Des O'Connor, Jethro and Russell Watson.

The Best of Dorset show is a free event open from 11.00am to 4.00pm on March 22nd and popular features will include the tall ship Pelican, the Nothe Fort re-enactment group, Dorset volunteer group and the Avon Beauty bus. There will also be lots of fun for youngsters with Captain Stupid the clown.

The theme for the event is 'Sport and Wellbeing' and it will show some of the area's great sports events and challenges which will be taking place in and around Weymouth and Portland throughout the year.

There will also be information on many local sports-activity-event providers and opportunities to take part in many fun runs, bike rides, and water sports within the many cycle paths, bridleways, coast paths, beaches and bays throughout Dorset.

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Pride of Lions' charity fundraising

Dorchester Lions have presented a series of cheques after raising the money by collections in the town centre and at Tesco.

Dorchester Disabled Club received £250 with £400 being divided between other local organisations and charities.

Cheques for £600 have also been presented to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and the west Dorset branch of Diabetes UK.

More than £60 has been raised by a bottle coin collection at the Poet Laureate where the cheques were presented during a club evening.

That money will be used to buy more plastic containers which individuals can use to put in

their fridges containing details of the medicines they take – making it easier and quicker for the emergency services in the event of an incident in the home.

The 'Message in a Bottle' containers can be picked up, for free, at many GP surgeries and pharmacies.

Lions members are now starting to organise the annual Fun Run, due to take place this year on Sunday, May 10th.

Further information about the Lions, including becoming a member, can be found by calling 0845 833 2836 or emailing info@lionsdorchester.org.uk.

DWP new collection 'disaster'

A THOROUGH review is to be carried out into what went wrong when a new rubbish collection for 50,000 homes was rolled out in the Weymouth and Portland area.

Parts of the Dorset Waste Partnership scheme were labelled "a disaster" by councillors when some bins went uncollected and rubbish piled up in the streets.

Now a meeting of Weymouth and Portland council's scrutiny committee has backed a review of the roll-out and operation of the new scheme, what lessons can be learnt and how the service can be improved in the future.

The review will look at what the current Weymouth and Portland waste and recycling collection situation is, what can

be learnt from the experience, whether outstanding issues remain and, if so, what actions are needed to resolve them.

The meeting was told by communities director Kate Ryan that three countywide reviews of DWP were already underway.

Councillor Mark Tewkesbury said: "I think we owe it to the residents of Weymouth and Portland that we do a scrutiny."

And Councillor Bill White said the DWP overspend was costing councils. Weymouth and Portland was "at its wits end financially" yet still had to find an extra £200,000. Residents' concerns had to be answered, he said.

Chairman Councillor Gill Taylor said: "I would like to get to the bottom of some of the stories. Ninety percent

of the collection seems to have been OK which is at variance with what is being claimed in some press.

"We need to look at what went right and what went wrong and find a way forward."

Councillor Pam Nixon said: "We read all the bad stories, all the negative news, but in my ward (Wey Valley) I have not been inundated with calls. In all I have only had about five complaints. I do appreciate that other areas have had their problems."

Councillor Joy Stanley said part of the problem was that the council had given wrong information to DWP.

Weymouth & Portland mayor, Councillor Kate Wheller, said she welcomed the review, adding that initial communication for the new

collection scheme "didn't work".

Cllr Wheller also wanted an explanation of how the council came to give wrong data.

The meeting also agreed to email all colleagues and ask if they had received any specific complaints about waste collection in their areas.

DWP director Steve Burdis said the next part of the scheme – Tranche 5 for 19,000 homes in Lyme Regis and Bridport – was due to be rolled out in July, adding that the issues experienced in Weymouth and Portland had been "unique".

He told The View after the meeting: "We fully understand members' concerns about the issues we had with the roll-out in Weymouth and Portland. We are very sorry. What happened was deeply regrettable and we look forward to working with the review requested."

"The service in Weymouth and Portland has now bedded in and there was a 56.1 percent recycling level for December 2014, well up on the 37.5 percent for 2013-2014 as a whole."

"That is a tremendous result and I would like to thank residents for the positive and enthusiastic way they have responded."

"We hope to increase that recycling level to 68 percent by 2019 which is the most ambitious target in the UK."

Mrs Taylor said later: "Anyone still experiencing collection problems should get in touch with DWP."

"But I want people to get in touch with me about their experiences – good or bad – for the review. They can reach me on 01305-779936."

Martyrs' tree up for official registration

DORSET'S Tolpuddle Martyr's tree could be officially registered as one of the country's most important specimens.

It was under the tree in 1834 that six agricultural labourers formed the first trades union in Britain to bargain for better pay and working conditions under the leadership of George Loveless. The six leaders of the union were arrested



■ TOLPUDDLE Martyrs' tree

and sentenced to seven years' transportation. A massive protest swept across the country. Thousands of people marched through London and many more organised petitions and protest meetings to demand their freedom.

The call for a national register comes from the Woodland Trust and Country Living magazine. It says that while woodlands are listed individual trees have no means of recognition beyond having a Tree Protection Order.

Jill Butler, ancient tree specialist at the Woodland Trust said: "Our campaign is a call to create a formal register of nationally important trees like the Tolpuddle Martyrs' Tree."

"It would consist of trees that meet an agreed set of criteria, recognising their historical, ecological and/or cultural value, and would offer a useful tool for planners and landowners alike."

The Martyr's tree has undergone surgery and had branch supports installed recently, by specialists to try and prolong its life.

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Business start up support helps local printer

NEW enterprise Wyke Print Solutions, Weymouth, has completed its biggest contract to date thanks to a famous old Dorset brewery and a business support service.

The fledgling company produced two huge murals to be placed in the refurbished offices of Palmers' brewery in Bridport.

The contract has given the new firm a real boost and its owner has credited WSX's Driving Urban Enterprise project with helping him prosper.

The support service aims to help new businesses into profit by offering practical help and by running training courses and events.

Wyke Print Solutions was formed by Kevin Swindell just over a year ago and works across all areas of design and print.

Kevin said WSX's staff had helped guide him and had organised networking events and business clubs at which he has been a regular

and where he has learned a great deal.

He said: "I worked in the print industry for 25 years before I was made redundant then set up on my own.

"I went to lots of networking events, but WSX's were specifically for new businesses and so were able to provide lots of practical help for people in my position.

"I attend the 'New in Business Club' where like-minded people go and chat about things, and there are speakers who are very interesting.

"The murals for Palmers brewery are very big and I was able to offer advice about what would work best and then have them installed.

"My business is going well and I'd advise anyone starting out to get in touch with WSX to see if they can help."

Christine Collins, an enterprise adviser from WSX, said: "Wyke Print Solutions is a wonderful success story and we're de-

lighted to have been able to assist Kevin.

"We run training and monthly club events and welcome interest from new businesses and those thinking of starting one. All our services are free."

Wayne Causley, Palmers' company surveyor, said: "Palmers is a long established company and we are very proud of our heritage.

"Within the office refurbishment we wanted to show some of our history but in a modern way.

"The murals have achieved this fantastically well.

"We always try to work with local companies where possible and are very happy to have been involved with a start-up business such as WPS."

Kevin worked with Nik Southorn, a designer from PGandP, chartered quantity surveyors and cost consultants

WSX Driving Urban Enterprise can be contacted by phoning (01202) 607541.



■ FROM LEFT: Kevin Swindell, Christine Collins, Wayne Causley and Nik Southorn

Beerex sell-out success

DORCHESTER Beerex is, once again, a sell-out success with every ticket snapped up for the four sessions this Friday and Saturday.

Regulars were quick off the mark when ticket sales opened on New Year's Day.

The festival, on Fri-

day February 6th and 7th in the Corn Exchange, is jointly organised by West Dorset Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) and Dorchester Round Table.

Over 80 ales and around a dozen ciders will be on offer with lunchtime and evening sessions. A handful of tickets remain for Sat-

urday only.

The event is sponsored by Bridport brewery Palmers.

A festival raffle will take place at each session which supports the Round Table's 'Children's Wish Appeal' which raises money to make terminally and seriously ill children's dreams come true.



■ ROUND Table and CAMRA volunteers on the door at last year's event

Real food survey with £50 prize

A £50 voucher to spend at the Real Food shop is on offer to someone taking part in a Communities Living Sustainably in Dorset (CLS) survey.

But those wanting to take part will have to be quick – the online survey ends on February 6th.

The survey helps CLS understand current attitudes and behaviour towards the environment which helps shape their work, and help them measure changes since last year.

The Real Food shop sources food locally which helps to cut greenhouse gas emissions as well as support the local economy.

The survey is open until February 6th and can be found at www.clsdorset.org.uk/Greener_choices-Survey_2015.

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Oliver Letwin MP speaks to DCCI about apprenticeships



■ (L TO R): Dorset Fire & Rescue apprentices Fred Sedgely, Keller Holland, Matthew Tidman, Dorset Police & Crime apprentice Abby Williamson, Kingston Maurward hospitality apprentice Danielle Moors, Kingston Maurward training advisor Alison Moore, MP Oliver Letwin

LOCAL MP Oliver Letwin was welcomed at an Apprenticeship Business Breakfast held at Kingston Maurward college last week, to speak about the importance of apprentices to businesses.

During the event, which was supported by Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), local businesses were invited to enjoy a full English breakfast, an introduc-

tion from Kingston Maurward business training advisor Alison Moore, and addresses from sponsors Porter Dodson solicitors and Hartley's accountants.

Kingston Maurward trains apprentices across a broad range of disciplines from customer service and animal care, to horticulture and retail.

Apprentices employed by the college, Medisave, Dorset Fire

& Rescue and the Police & Crime Commission attended the breakfast to give feedback and recommendations about their experiences.

Alison Moore said: "We are absolutely delighted to have welcomed 60 local businesses and to hear from Oliver Letwin MP about how apprenticeships and traineeships are the way forward for business."

Climate change lecture at museum

A LECTURE at the county museum with a speaker from the Met Office will look at our changing climate.

The geology lecture on Wednesday, February 11th at 7.00pm will be given by Dr Felicity Liggins of the Meteorological Office.

She will talk about the possible causes of exceptional weather events and to what degree climate change could be to blame.

The series of winter storms in 2013 was exceptional in its duration and led to the wettest December to January period since records began.

Heavy rains, strong winds and high waves led to widespread flooding and coastal damage causing significant disruption to individuals, busi-

nesses and infrastructure. But the UK wasn't alone in experiencing extreme weather. It also coincided with exceptionally cold weather in Canada and the USA and increased rainfall over Indonesia.

Felicity Liggins is a senior climate consultant bringing interpretation of climate science to a range of customers including the oil and gas industries and local government. She helps organisations identify the challenges and opportunities climate change could bring both in the UK and around the world.

The event is free but donations are welcome and all are welcome to attend. Further information is available over www.dorsetcountymuseum.org.



■ ABOVE and below, last winter's flooding



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Boxers recognised for voluntary work

TWO members of Dorchester & District Boxing Club, Kieron Clewett and Sol Gilday-Evans, who have given their time voluntarily to help train and influence younger boxers were recognised in the annual Volunteer Centre Dorset awards held recently.

Unfortunately the very popular Clewett, known in the club as the 'King of the Ring' died last year and his award was received by his parents Barry and Miriam.

Head coach Ben Geyser said: "Kieron helped train, and influenced many youngsters to follow in his path to train hard and box easy, keep fit and eat healthily; as well as learn to duck!

"He was sharp, witty and a tough cookie in the ring, yet underneath he was sensitive, sensible, funny, kind and immensely loyal."

His memory and achievements are listed on the club's Annual Shield courtesy of John Manly and through the Kieron Clewett Special Memorial Trophy donated to the club by his parents.

Gildey-Evans said that Clewett's calm confident outlook had inspired and enthralled him and claimed that a lot of his success was due to him.

Geyser said of him: "Sol's friendly

manner has strengthened other pupil's worries and limitations, by modestly joking that you don't have to be a muscle bound heavyweight to flourish and succeed in boxing.

"Sol gives hours of his free time coaching, not only the younger members but he gets in with the heavyweights."

With the club's blessing, Gilday-Evans is thinking of taking his boxing career a step further and circulate for sparring at other clubs in the Bournemouth, Bristol and London areas.

Geyser has said that he has the ability to branch out and make a name for himself.

"He has the experience, strength, sense of humour and endearing compassionate kind heart to succeed."

He added: "Sol has been a wonderful asset to the club and the other members. Don't forget the Dorchester club when you are famous Sol!"

Geyser also complimented the Volunteer Centre Dorset for all their hard work saying: "Three cheers for the workforce at the Volunteer Centre, they are the unsung heroes behind the scenes, keeping the show on the road."

Museum to host Victorian fair

THE Dorset County Museum will be hosting a free Victorian fair on Sunday, February 22nd from 2.00pm to 5.00pm.

Children and adults will experience a whole range of activities which will include learning about life in Victorian times, classroom lessons, reciting Dorset dialect words and traditional rural crafts.

There will be craft demonstrations of Dorset buttons, making bonnets, perfumery and net making.

A variety of stalls will include Victorian children's toys and popular parlour games.

There will also be a Victorian tea as well as a raffle and quiz.

Tim Laycock, well-known folk musician, actor and storyteller and other performers will provide traditional singing, music, dance and poetry reading throughout the afternoon.

The funds raised from the fayre will go towards the refurbishment of the museum's William Barnes collection and gallery which is dedicated to Dorset's greatest dialect poet. Barnes's poems are characterised by a singular sweetness and tenderness of feeling, deep insight into humble country life and character, and an exquisite feeling for local scenery.

We are very grateful to Batten's Charitable Trust which has sponsored this event.



■ GIRL playing with a Victorian toy

Strollers' planned walks for February

EIGHT walks are being planned by Dorchester Strollers in February, all starting in the town centre.

The gentle walking group offers free, led walks to suit any pace with meetings on Mondays and Tuesdays. Most finish at a suitable location for a drink, if those taking part in the walks want to.

New walkers are asked to turn up ten minutes before the walk starts to introduce themselves to the walk leader and sign up with contact details.

The next February walks are: Monday 9th, 10.30am by Café Central at the bottom of South Street; Tuesday 10th, 2.15pm North Square; Monday 16th, 10.45am Trumpet Mayor; Tuesday 17th, 2.15pm North Square; Monday 23rd, 10.30am Brownsword Hall; Tuesday 24th, 2.15pm North Square.

Further information can be obtained from the secretary, Sue Blake, on Dorchester (01305) 263759.



■ STROLLERS on one of their regular walks last spring

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Public First campaigning for democracy in Dorset

PUBLIC First Group's non-party-political 'Campaign for Local Democracy' gets underway in earnest on Saturday, 7th February with the launch of a petition aimed at achieving a referendum on West Dorset District Council (WDDC)'s local governance.

When at least 5% of the electors on WDDC's electoral roll are validated as having signed up to the petition, a referendum will be triggered, to change the District Council's form of governance to a committee system.

"We believe this will be a much more open, inclusive and democratic system," says John Grantham, the group's secretary.

"We are launching a website on Wednesday at www.publicfirstgroup.co.uk and our planned schedule of street-signing events will be given there.

"We will be in South Street, Dorchester this coming Saturday between 10.00am and 3.00pm and look for a good start towards achieving the required level signatories on our petition."



■ KIT Vaughan talking to Dorchester's community woodland enthusiasts

Duchy gives woodland to community

TRANSITION Town Dorchester has set up a community woodland project.

A well-attended introductory meeting was held at the Dorford Centre with Kit Vaughan, of Prime Coppice in Whitchurch Canonorum explaining his experiences of running a woodland with the help of community groups.

The meeting was followed by a 'woodland walk-about', to show everyone the patches of woodland which they are going to be managing on the edge of Poundbury.

The Duchy of Cornwall has handed over several

small areas of woodland, of varying ages, close to the existing community farm and orchard.

Plans for the woodland include planting more trees and hedges, surveys to assess the bird, insect and plant life, establishing a forest garden, inviting schools or groups of young people to take part in activities such as making bat and bird boxes.

The project has received support from Big Lottery funded Communities Living Sustainably project and the Dorset Area of Natural Beauty and is part of a wider network of small community woodland projects in West Dorset.

News in brief...

■ **WESSEX MILITARY BAND:** Rehearsals are about to get underway for the Wessex Military Band in Dorchester with an appeal for new members to come and join.

The band, which performs at a variety of events during the year, rehearse at the Boys' Brigade headquarters in Sawmills Lane, off Weymouth Avenue from 10.00am to 2.30pm on Sundays, starting on February 8th.

■ **DIABETES UK'S LOCAL GROUP** will host the national president, Richard Lane, at a meeting in Dorchester on February 12th.

The event, which starts at 7.00pm at the Dorford Church, includes a talk and the group annual meeting.

Prospective members are welcome to attend.

■ **STRATTON HISTORY GROUP** will meet again on Thursday, February 12th at 7.00pm in the village hall.

It hopes to start collating the documents, artefacts and photographs held at various locations within the parish.

Further details can be obtained from Chris Boulton at boultonchris@icloud.com.

Seven pages of old black and white photos have been added to the Stratton website.

■ **OLDER PEOPLE** are being advised to ask for identification from doorstep callers.

The warning comes from Dorchester police after several reported incidents of callers claiming to be from a charity and then asking for bank details.

Police say callers should either try and verify that the person they are talking to is genuine or ask them to leave the property.

Cafe Sci talk on foraging

ON Friday, March 19th from 7.30-9.00pm Café Sci moves to the Dorchester Arts Centre for a discussion on: 'Is foraging ecologically sustainable?' with a presentation by John Wright from Maiden Newton who has appeared on a number of TV programmes, including several Riverside Cottage appearances.

The final meeting of the year takes place on Thursday, April 30th with a presentation on a cutting-edge palaeontology topic by Professor Phillip Manning, University of Manchester.



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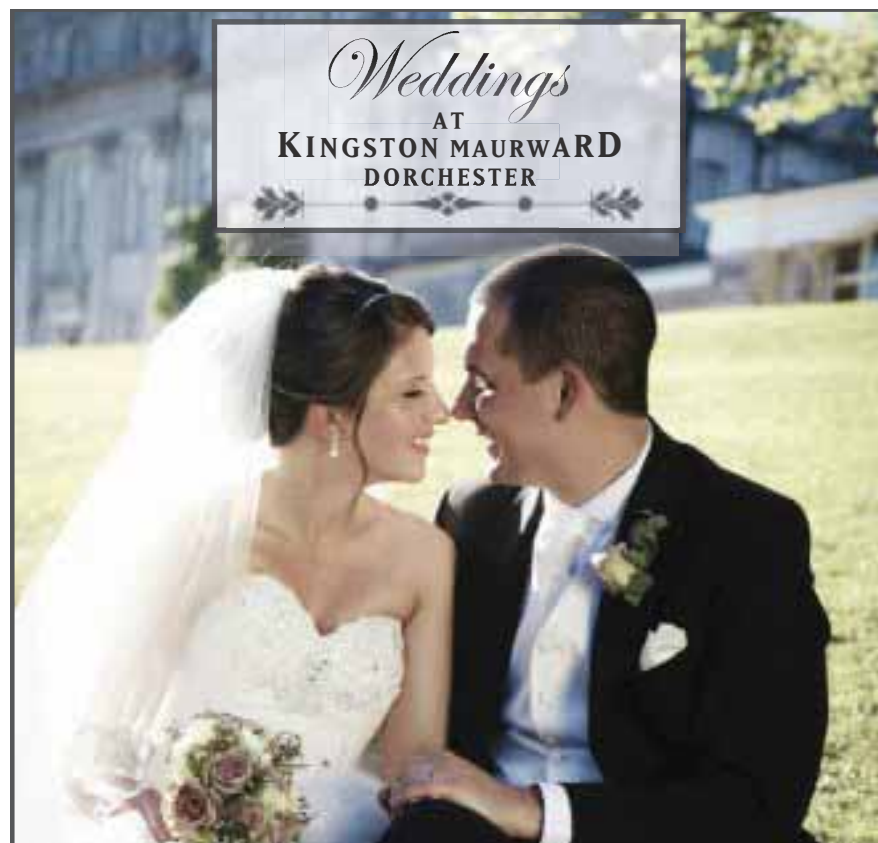
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Help save Lyme Bay's mega-fauna



■ Bottlenose dolphin ©Stewart Canham

Two of Dorset's leading wildlife conservation organisations want special protection given to the waters of Lyme Bay because it will help whales, dolphins and basking sharks to survive.

In a report published by the Wildlife Trusts, part of Lyme Bay has been named as one of the 17 special sites in England and Wales which need to be protected for these spectacular marine giants, also known as 'mega

fauna'. These sites are 'hot-spots' where these animals gather to feed, breed and socialise.

Among the UK's most spectacular wildlife, animals such as dolphins, whales, and sharks are continuously at risk from what the marine groups claim are "damaging human activities such as marine litter, industrial fishing and pollution".

They add that, while the government has begun protecting areas

of sea by developing Marine Protected Areas, this will only protect wildlife and habitats on the sea bed. Mobile wildlife has been omitted from this developing network of protection.

Conservation manager for MARINELife, Dr Rachel Davies, said: "Research carried out by MARINELife has highlighted part of Lyme Bay as a nationally important foraging area for white-beaked dolphins and we see

them return to the same site regularly.

"Harbour porpoise are regularly recorded in all seasons and there are also important numbers of common dolphin and bottlenose dolphin.

"Locally and nationally important numbers of the globally endangered Balearic shearwater as well as guillemot, razorbill, great skua and gannet are present in the area along with the marine giants, minke whale and basking shark."

Dorset Wildlife Trust Marine Awareness Officer, Julie Hatcher, said: "Another site off the Lizard peninsula in Cornwall is proposed for protection as one of the UK's top four whale and dolphin hotspots.

"Among the 14 cetacean species recorded there are England's south west bottlenose dolphin population, some of which are regular visitors to the Dorset coast and can often be seen from Durlston Head and Portland Bill.

"Protecting this site is very important for Dorset's bottlenose dolphins and we're encouraging as many people as possible to get involved with supporting us."

The Wildlife Trust's 'Save Our Ocean Giants' campaign is asking people to sign the e-petition, which will be presented to the government later this year.

To find out more and sign the petition, visit www.wildlifetrusts.org/oceangiants.

The campaign can also be shared on Twitter using #act4giants and #oceangiants.

Magna staff gearing up for Air Ambulance cycle ride

A GROUP of staff from the Dorchester-based Magna group, will be donning their lycra in May to raise money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Ten Magna employees plus friends and family will be taking part in the coast-to-coast cycle challenge on Sunday, May 17th.

The Magna team will be part of 600 riders in the challenging 54 mile route setting off from the west Somerset port of Watchet to finish in West Bay.

Team member and head of communication for Magna, Catriona Fountain, commented, "We'll be putting in the miles over the next couple of months in preparation for the ride. Our aim is not only to complete the ride but raise a good amount for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance as it is a charity that relies heavily on donations from the public."

The team has set up a 'Just Giving' page for anyone who would like to sponsor them.



■ SOME of the Magna team who will be cycling 54 miles in May

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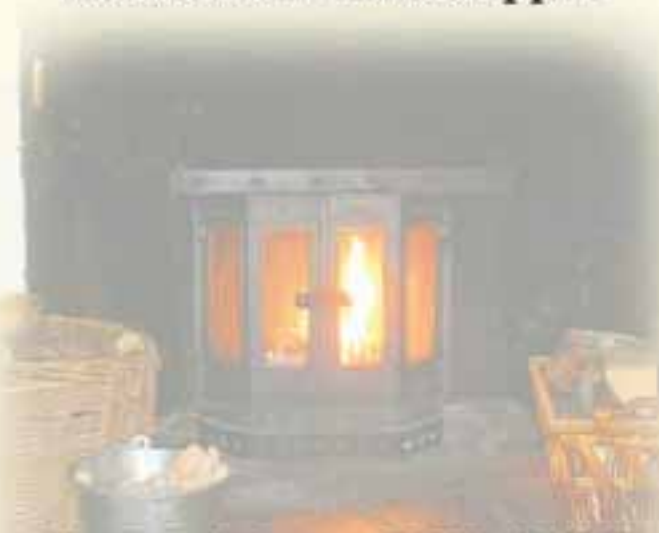
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News in brief...

■ **COMPTON VALENCE SNOWDROPS:** Lunch and tea will be on offer at Compton Valence village hall from 10.30am until 3.30pm this week until Friday February 13th for those coming to see the displays of snowdrops.

■ **BLOOD DONOR SESSION:** is being held in Dorchester on Thursday, February 5th, from 1.30 to 3.30pm and then from 4.30 to 7.00pm in the United Church, South Street. The hour-long sessions can be booked by calling the local rate telephone line 0300 123 2323.

■ **JOHN MAKEPEACE TALK:** Beaminstor furniture maker John Makepeace will be speaking at the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester on Thursday, February 5th. Mr Makepeace founded the School for Craftsmen in Wood at Parnham House in 1976. A director of the Wallace Collection describes his work as: "The sublime effect of exquisitely chosen materials, perfectly crafted to serve and enhance the human body and soul, makes John Makepeace's work overwhelmingly desirable." His talk starts at 7.00pm, costs £10 and includes canapes and a glass of wine. Tickets can be booked at the history centre or by calling Dorchester (01305) 228645.

■ **A HARRY POTTER NIGHT** is promised by Dorchester Library for 7 to 11-year-old on Thursday, February 5th from 4.00 to 5.00pm. The free event will include Harry Potter games, quizzes and other fun activities with participants encouraged to turn up in costume. There is no need to book – simply turn up when you want.

■ **'SINGING FOR THE BRAIN':** the next session in Dorchester takes place on February 5th, from 10.30am until about noon at the Community Church in Acland Road. The sessions are run by the Alzheimer's Society and are open to those who have a dementia diagnosis or those who care for someone who does. The first session is free with subsequent sessions £2 to cover the cost of refreshments and the room hire. The Society also runs 'Memory Café' events at the church. Further details about any of the regular sessions are available by calling Dorchester (01305) 259740.

Try your hand at bowling



■ **COACHING** underway at a previous Dorchester Bowls Club open event

DORCHESTER Bowls Club is holding an open event at their Sandringham Sports Centre headquarters on Saturday, February 7th.

Open from 10.00am to 4.00pm

anyone who would like to try their hand at the sport is welcome to come along, free of charge. All equipment and coaching will be provided.

The club will be starting a be-

ginners' coaching course on February 14th and will be signing up people for it during the open day.

Further information is available by calling the Armada Way club on Dorchester (01305) 260817.

Care home raises £1,200 for charities

THE CASTLE View care home in Dorchester has raised nearly £1,200 for a number of charities during last year - including Parkinson's, Sports Relief, MacMillan Cancer Support and the Joseph Weld Hospice.

Karen Burdon, activities manager at Colten Care, said: "It's entirely up to our residents which charities we support.

"Once the choice is made, we all get behind it.

"Team members like to take part in sponsored events, such as walks and bike rides, and we enable our residents to contribute directly in meaningful ways such as making arts and crafts to sell at fundraising events."

Last year's fundraising across Dorset, Hampshire and Wiltshire means that Colten Care residents, families

and staff between them raised more than £110,000 for charities over five years.

Colten Care is a family business with more than 30 years experience in designing, building and managing care homes. They run 19 care homes, mostly in Dorset.

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News in brief...

■ **THE CROSSWAYS PANTO:** 'Snow White' opens at the village hall on the evening of Friday, February 6th with a matinee and evening performance on the following day. The Crossways Pantomimers have been rehearsing for the production since the autumn.

Tickets for the 2.30pm matinee and 7.30pm performances cost £5 for adults and £3 for under 15s, available from Premier Stores, Mount Skipped Way, Crossways or on the door. Further information from Dorchester (01305) 549737.

■ **THE DORVIL BUSINESS CLUB** will meet at the George Albert Hotel at Wardon Hill on Friday, February 6th.

The business breakfast group aims to bring businesses in the Dorchester, Yeovil, Bridport and Sherborne areas together.

Starting at 6.45am with a 7.15am breakfast, the event will include a talk from Penny Sturt on "Renew You" with the meeting finishing by 8.30am.

It costs £5, to include tea and coffee and an English breakfast.

Bookings should be made direct to the hotel on (01935) 483430.

■ **A DORSET-THEMED EVENING** of entertainment is being planned to raise funds for St Andrew's Church Served Fund at West Stafford village hall.

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Optum appointed to develop health hub

FOLLOWING a competitive tender process, Public Health Dorset has appointed Optum, a leading health services organisation, to develop a new phone and online service, to be launched in April, to help improve the health and wellbeing of local residents.

Optum is leading a consortium of organisations to develop and manage the service, which includes Health Promotion Devon, Dorset Community Action and University College London.

The health improvement hub will act as a one-stop-shop that will help people with their health and wellbeing, including advising people about their smoking, drinking, weight, diet and exercise, helping them adopt a healthier lifestyle, potentially reducing the risk of them developing more serious health issues later in life.

Current services vary across the county, but the hub will be the new front door to the health improvement system in Dorset, regardless of where someone is living.

The service will be available to more than 750,000 people in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole.

It will offer local residents one county-wide contact number and a simple-to-use website that can help tailor the right level of support for each individuals' needs.

The hub will also better enable community partners and health professionals to refer people to the service.

Dr David Phillips, director of Public Health Dorset, said: "This is a great opportunity to address some of our biggest health issues head-on. We know how difficult it can be for people to make and sustain changes in their

health, whether giving up smoking, cutting down on alcohol, taking more exercise, or losing weight and eating healthily.

"What the new health improvement hub can do is become a powerful support service for people no matter how simple or complex their needs are.

"We're delighted that Optum is going to develop the health improvement hub. They have a vast amount of experience and expertise in developing health services, and we look forward to working closely with them."

Katherine Ward, Global Growth Officer at Optum, said:

"Optum is grateful for the opportunity to support Public Health Dorset in providing one clear and simple access point that helps Dorset residents make positive lifestyle changes that improve their health and wellbeing."

Cash available for good causes

One-off grants are still available to support good causes in many communities around Dorset, through your local county councillor.

All 45 members of the council can access a budget of up to £5,000 to aid projects, activities or initiatives in their electoral divisions.

While some councillors have already used some or all of their funds - more than £104,000 has been given out since the scheme was introduced last April - there is still money available until the end of March.

Local residents are being urged to come up with ideas about how the cash can best be spent. The funds must be used to improve the economic, environmental or social well-being of the area.

Grants have so far met a range of local needs, ranging from new fingerpost signs and village bench repairs to extra equipment for schools, playgroups and special needs groups.

CLlr Robert Gould, Leader of the council, said the money provided real grass-roots support to local communities.

He explained: "Our councillors know what is important to people in their areas better than anyone, and this fund allows them to target money to the local projects and facilities where it is needed the most.

"The budgets can be used in all kinds of ways, from repairs to a village hall to support for a community initiative or voluntary group. If you could make use of such a grant, contact your local county councillor and your idea will be considered."

To find contact details for your local councillor, go to www.dorsetforyou.com/countycouncillors or call (01305) 221000.

Police seek more special constables

DORSET police today, Friday 30 January 2015, begins a recruitment drive for special constables.

Special constables are volunteer police officers who have the same powers as regular police officers, wear the same uniform and are issued with the same equipment.

In 2014 Dorset police welcomed 92 special constables to the force.

Chief Constable Debbie Simpson said: "I am proud to announce the launch of Dorset police's special constabulary campaign for 2015.

"Having the heart of our community working with us provides an important opportunity for our citizens to influence the way we police

our county.

"Volunteering in these roles will be exciting, challenging, rewarding and offer a chance for you to bring your skills, knowledge and experience to help keep local communities safe.

"In return for training, camaraderie and being a key part of our team, we ask for your commitment, professionalism and a will to succeed in delivering the highest standards of service that our community rightly deserves."

Special constables in Dorset get involved in a range of day-to-day policing activities, including patrol work, community events, targeted operations and specialist training.

There are special con-

stables dedicated to traffic, marine and rural policing as well as general patrol duties.

A special constable is asked to work an average of 16 hours a month, but the working hours are flexible so they can give more time if they can spare it and it can work around other commitments.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset, Martyn Underhill, said: "Becoming a volunteer special constable is a great way for you to make a difference in your community.

"Special constables come from all walks of life but, whatever your background, you can take pride from giving something back to the community of Dorset."

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Teresa May praises new Dorset police approach to mental health custody

HOME Secretary, Theresa May, has praised an innovative mental health street triage service in Dorset which reduces the number of times a custody suite is used as a place of safety for those suffering a mental health crisis.

Figures show 44% fewer people were placed in custody during 2014 as there were in 2013 as a result of displaying a mental health condition.

The 12-month scheme, which started on Friday, June 27th 2014 sees mental health practitioners assisting police officers on patrol on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights from 7.00pm to 8.30am. The aim is to provide police officers attending an incident with background medical information, advice, and if needed a full assessment regarding the mental health of a person.

As part of the street triage service, mental health practitioners from Dorset Healthcare run a telephone triage service to support police officers out on patrol, assisting officers when they are responding to emergency

calls and giving advice to staff in police control rooms.

Home Secretary, Theresa May praised the scheme during the Policing and Mental Health summit at the end of last year.

She said: "PCC, Martyn Underhill has put in place a street triage scheme to help ensure people in a mental health crisis get the support they need.

"Early findings show street triage pilots are working. The number of people being detained has fallen by 25% across all pilot areas."

The scheme operates across Dorset and, at the request of the police, mental health professionals also attend incidents in Bournemouth, Poole and Weymouth conurbations.

This scheme diverts people away from the criminal justice system, when appropriate, and provides access to community-based services thereby ensuring that their health and social care needs are known and provided for appropriately.

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill said: "It is crucial that people with mental health



■ HOME Secretary Theresa May

problems get the right care in the right place, at the right time.

"I am delighted that this scheme is reducing the number of people who are detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act.

"With the support of health professionals, officers have the assistance they need to treat vulnerable people appropriately in times of crisis. This is a huge step forwards in our partnership work between health services and the police."

County Council cabinet reshuffled

DORSET County Council leader, Robert Gould, has reshuffled his cabinet to focus more clearly local people's priorities.

Cllr Gould has reshaped the portfolios of leading councillors, taking into account what people said was important during the Ask Dorset consultation roadshows last summer.

The cabinet is responsible for strategic leadership on the council's main policies and recommending decisions to the full council of 45 councillors.

The new portfolios and the councillors who will carry out those duties are:

- Communities, health and wellbeing: Rebecca Knox,
- Economy and growth: Colin Jamieson,
- Environment: Peter Finney,
- Children and young people: Toni Coombs,
- Adult and community services: Jill Haynes,
- Corporate development: Robin Cook.

Cllr Gould, who be-

came leader in December 2014, will also have responsibility for budget and financial matters.

He said: "We face major financial challenges for some time to come and the cabinet needs to work closely as a team to steer the council through this.

"Local people told us, through the Ask Dorset roadshows last year, what their priorities are and we need to respond to those.

"The new portfolios for community, health and wellbeing and growth clearly reflect important areas of focus for us - they both make a vital contribution to improving life for people in Dorset.

"By reorganising the responsibilities I am giving new momentum to our plans to transform the council and the way it works for everyone in Dorset."

Cllr Gould has also pledged to work with all county councillors to make closer links with communities



■ LEADER of Dorset County Council, Cllr Robert Gould

across the county and represent local views.

Robin Cook is the only councillor who is new to the cabinet. Cllr Cook represents the Minster ward in east Dorset and was elected in 2009. He sits on several committees and is chairman of the Environment Overview committee and the Children and

Adult Services Appeals committee.

Cllr Cook said: "I feel privileged to be selected for this challenging position. This role will benefit from my years working in the private sector, particularly in the field of managing and delivering first class customer service."

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... Did you know ...

♥ THE saint we celebrate on Valentine's Day is known officially as St. Valentine of Rome in order to differentiate him from the dozen or so other Valentines on the list. Because Valentinus -from the Latin word for worthy, strong or powerful - was a popular name between the second and eighth centuries AD, several martyrs over the centuries have carried this name. The official Roman Catholic roster of saints shows about a dozen who were named Valentine or some variation thereof.

♥ VALENTINE is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy, among many other things. Saints are certainly expected to keep busy in the afterlife. Their holy duties include interceding in earthly affairs and entertaining petitions from living souls. In this respect, St Valentine has wide-ranging spiritual responsibilities. People call on him to watch over the lives of lovers, of course, but also for interventions regarding beekeeping and epilepsy, as well as the plague, fainting and travelling. As you might expect, he's also the patron saint of engaged couples and happy marriages.

♥ YOU can find Valentine's skull in Rome. The flower-adorned skull of St. Valentine is on display in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Cosmedin, Rome. In the early 1800s, the excavation of a catacomb near Rome yielded skeletal remains and other relics now associated with St. Valentine.

♥ THE medieval English poet Geoffrey Chaucer often took liberties with history, placing his poetic characters into fictitious historical contexts that he represented as real. No record exists of romantic celebrations on Valentine's Day prior to a poem Chaucer wrote around 1375. In his work "Parliament of Fowles," he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's Feast Day.

The Story of St. Valentine

IN 270 A.D., marriage had been outlawed by the emperor of Rome, Claudius II. Claudius issued this decree because he thought that married men made bad soldiers since they were reluctant to be torn away from their families in the case of war. Claudius had also outlawed Christianity in this time period because he wished to be praised as the one supreme god, the Emperor of Rome. Valentine was the bishop of Interamna during this period of oppression. Valentine thought that the decrees of Rome were wrong. He believed that people should be free to love God and to marry. Valentine invited the young couples of the area to come to him. When they came, Valentine secretly performed services of matrimony and united the couples.

Valentine was eventually caught and was brought before the emperor. The emperor saw that Valentine had conviction and drive that was unsurpassed among his men. Claudius tried and tried to persuade Valentine to leave Christianity, serve the Roman empire and the Roman gods. In exchange, Claudius would pardon him and make him one of his allies. St. Valentine held to his faith and did not renounce Christ. Because of this, the emperor sentenced him to a three-part execution. First, Valentine would be beaten, then stoned, and then finally, decapitated. Valentine died on February 14th, 270 A.D.

While in prison, waiting for his sentence to be carried out, Valentine fell in love with the jailer's daughter, the blind Asterius. During the course of Valentine's prison stay, a miracle occurred and Asterius regained her sight. Valentine sent her a final farewell note. He signed his last note, "From Your Valentine." Even today, this message remains as the motto for our Valentine's Day celebrations.



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Desserts

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Desserts

Eskimo Kiss

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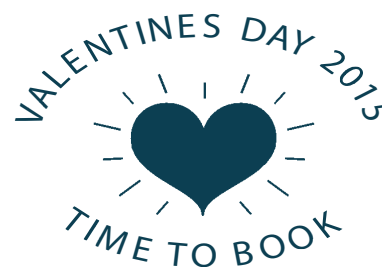
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100g ground almonds - 175g unsalted butter, melted - For the white chocolate frosting
100g white chocolate - 140g unsalted butter
140g icing sugar



Ingredients

1. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper cases and heat oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5. In a jug, mix the yogurt, eggs and vanilla extract. Put the dry ingredients, plus a pinch of salt, into a large bowl and make a well in the middle.

2. Add the yogurty mix and melted butter, and quickly fold in with a spatula or metal spoon - don't overwork it. Spoon into the cases (they will be quite full) and bake for 18-20 mins or until golden, risen and springy to the touch. Cool for a few mins, then lift the cakes onto a wire rack to cool completely. Keep in an airtight container for up to 3 days or freeze as soon as possible.

3. White chocolate frosting: Melt the chocolate in the microwave on High for 1½ mins, stirring halfway. Leave to cool. Beat the butter and icing sugar in a large bowl until creamy. Beat in the chocolate. Cover and chill for up to one month.

4. Up to 48 hrs before serving (or the day before if it's really hot), bring the frosting back to room temperature, then spread over the cakes. Put the ribbon around the cakes now if you like, tying or gluing in place. Keep cool, out of direct sunlight.

Bridprt Round Table

Bridport Round Table Valentines Prom

THE annual Bridport Round Table Skool Disco event held at Freshwater Beach Holiday Park is having a makeover this year as members are re-launching the event as a Valentines Prom.

Gary Hedges, a member of Bridport Round Table, said: "The evening is to replace the Skool Disco event and hopefully become an annual event. We have spoken to many people and the feeling was that the Skool

Disco needed a refresh.

"To carry out the valentines theme we will be decorating the place with hundreds of balloons, there will be a photo booth and a live six piece band called The Magic Tones who will be playing music between a disco set.

"The music will be similar to the Skool Disco with hits from the 70s and 80s as that part worked well and the dance floor was always full.

"The dress code we have left open with 'dress to impress' and there will be a shuttle bus leaving Bucky Doo Square at 7.15pm and 8.15pm and returning at midnight and 1am."

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But why do we have a "sweets to the sweet" tradition every February 14? While the roots of Valentine's Day go all the way back to Roman times, chocolate gift giving is a much more recent development. Is it because of chocolate's reputed aphrodisiac qualities, or just a way for companies to sell more sweets in the lull between Christmas and Easter? Whatever the reason, those ubiquitous little red boxes flood shelves every year.

By the 1840s, the notion of Valentine's Day as a holiday to celebrate romantic love had taken over most of the English-speaking world. It was Cupid's golden age—the prudish Victorians adored the notion of courtly love and showered each other with elaborate cards and gifts.

Into this love-crazed fray came Richard Cadbury, scion of the British chocolate manufacturing family and responsible for sales at a crucial point in his company's history.

Cadbury had recently improved its chocolate making technique so as to extract pure cocoa butter from whole beans, producing a more palatable drinking chocolate than most Britons had ever tasted. This process resulted in an excess amount of cocoa butter, which Cadbury used to produce many more varieties of what was then called "eating chocolate." Richard recognised a great marketing opportunity for the new chocolates and started sell-



ing them in beautifully decorated boxes that he designed himself.

From that point, it was a quick jump to taking the familiar images of Cupids and roses and putting them on heart-shaped boxes. While Richard Cadbury didn't actually patent the heart-shaped box, it's widely believed that he was the first to produce one. Cadbury marketed the boxes as having a dual purpose.



When the chocolates had all been eaten, the box itself was so pretty that it could be used again and again to store mementos, from locks of hair to love letters. The boxes grew increasingly elaborate until the outbreak of World War II, when sugar was rationed and Valentine's Day celebrations were scaled down. But Victorian-era Cadbury boxes still exist, and many are treasured family heirlooms or valuable items prized by collectors.

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Public First steps up campaign

PARLIAMENTARY candidates from the five main political parties will be invited to take part in two further cabinet debates on the subject of local democracy in West Dorset, after almost 300 people voiced their concerns at an event in Dorchester earlier this month.

The Public First group, which staged the first meeting on January 7th, has quickly organised two follow-up events for next month, as part of its increasingly well-supported 'campaign for local democracy'.

Leading local politicians, including prospective parliamentary candidates from the major parties, will be invited to attend the meeting and discuss the workings of local government.

The leader of West Dorset District Council (WDDC), Cllr Anthony Alford, and the leaders of Dorset County Council's two main parties, will also be asked to attend the meetings,

which take place in Bridport and Sherborne in February.

The events follow a heated debate at Dorchester's Corn Exchange, which attracted 270 members of the public.

After major concerns were raised about WDDC's cabinet system, Public First has published its main aims, which include seeking a local referendum on the controversial process.

Campaigners say they want to see a more representative system where all elected councillors are given an equal opportunity to have their say.

And they are also seeking to create forums across the district, where residents can share their views.

The group's second meeting, in Bridport, will again cover the cabinet system, but also assess whether a unitary authority should be created in Dorset.

Public First points to projections for multi-million-pound savings

for both Leicestershire and Oxfordshire county councils, should they decide to form a single governing body.

Members of the public will have the chance to speak first at the meeting, before leading councillors face a grilling over the cabinet system.

"It is again the public who will speak first, and most", said Symondsburry resident Clive Stafford Smith, chairman of the Public First group.

"We are inviting prospective parliamentary candidates from

Conservative, Green, Labour, Liberal Democrats and UKIP parties, and we are also inviting the leader of WDDC. Those invited are all elected politicians, or going for election."

Public First's next meeting will take place at Bridport's Electric Palace on Friday February 20th at 7.00pm, with a further event arranged for the following Friday (February 27th) at Sherborne's Digby Hall. The start time for the Sherborne meeting has not yet been confirmed.

Beware door to door fraudsters

OLDER people are being advised to ask for identification from doorstep callers.

The warning comes from Dorchester police after several reported incidents of callers claiming to be from a charity and then asking for bank details.

Police say callers should either try and verify that the person they are talking to is genuine or ask them to leave the property.

Lottery scam targets the elderly

PEOPLE across Dorset are being warned to be on their guard about lottery fraud.

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau says criminals pretend that someone has won a prize, often a lottery.

A spokesman said: "The people most likely to fall victim to this tend to be over the age of 60 although younger people do fall victim too, but we know that it is often close family members of victims who spot the tell-tale signs of the fraud."

Criminals will normally get in touch by letter or email and will try to engage their vic-

tim in dialogue with them. Once they have convinced you that they are 'genuine', they will ask for a fee to be paid to release your winnings. This fee could be to pay taxes or duty, or for a solicitor, banker or judge to authorise the transaction. No genuine lottery will ever ask for any sort of fee to be paid.

"Often this first fee will be small," said the spokesman, "but once they know you are willing to pay it they will ask for more and more money with ever-changing excuses as to why they need it. Victims can end up losing tens of thousands of

pounds over the course of months or even years.

"Many will be surprised that this type of crime takes place.

"After all, why would anyone fall prey to scam like this when they never entered any such lottery in the first place?"

"Why would they have to pay money when they are supposed to have won millions of pounds?"

"These criminals are incredibly persuasive and prey on people who are very trusting. Therefore, even if you know that you would not get defrauded like this, please spread this

message widely to friends, family and to people within your community.

"If you haven't entered a lottery or a prize draw you haven't won."

"Delete any emails which detail you winning money or being in a position to make fortune and spread the message among people you come into contact with, especially older people in your family."

"Also look out for any unusual behaviour, for instance someone paying money via money service bureaux, like Western Union or MoneyGram, or buying Ukash vouchers."

Council launches new web pages for Dorset businesses

BUSINESS advice is now available online in west Dorset, Weymouth and Portland on new internet pages set up by the councils.

Cllr Anthony Alford, Leader of West Dorset District Council,

said: "Ensuring the local economy in west Dorset continues to thrive is one of the council's top priorities and I hope these new web pages will offer the best advice and support for our local businesses."

The pages are available at: www.dorsetforyou.com/business-support/wdwp.

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Within the next week there will also be new block-printed cotton filled quilts, tablecloths, napkins and kimonos. Also expected soon are two new designs in voile curtains which are being made in India for the shop.

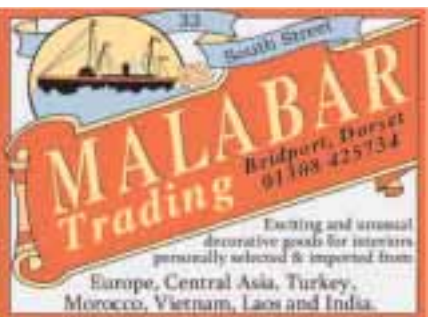
New short quilted jackets and quilted coats are now in the shop and there are new leather handbags and cashmere mittens.

As ever there are beautiful scarves and a wide selection of nightwear, Turkish towels and silver jewellery. There are also the Japanese ceramics, marquetry frames, stationery and scented candles.

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By Julia Gray, Press Association

1. Consider where the carpet is going - bedroom carpets are subjected to far less wear than stair carpets, for example. Also think about your household - do you need something hardwearing because you have children and/or pets, or do you live alone? For busy rooms, go for a blend of 80% wool and 20% nylon - the wool will make the carpet look good and the nylon will help it perform better.

2. Carpet is like most things; you get what you pay for. "If you're thinking long term, then an Axminster or Wilton construction will perform better and often add value," says Jeremy Wilson of Ulster Carpets (www.ulstercarpets.com). "Going for a budget carpet may seem like a good idea in the short-term, but you may come to regret it in a few years."

"Ideally, you need a two or three-ply carpet yarn - single-ply yarns are cheaper and look fine for a while, but will flatten and wear much quicker than two or three-ply yarns. A better engineered carpet will last longer and be better value in the long-term."

3. When you've found some carpets you think you like, ask the retailer for samples to take home. What looks good in the shop or online might change a lot when you put it in your home and see it in different lights and angles.

4. When budgeting for your new carpet, don't forget to include the cost of fitting and underlay. New underlay is vital for the carpet to sit properly and wear evenly, and the quality of the underlay will affect the lifespan of the carpet.

5. Get your room professionally measured to ensure you order the right amount of carpet. It's also important to get the carpet professionally fitted. And always buy from a reputable retailer - all 450 Carpet Foundation (www.carpetfoundation.com) retail members adhere to a code of practice approved by the Trading Standards Institute, which gives customers peace of mind.



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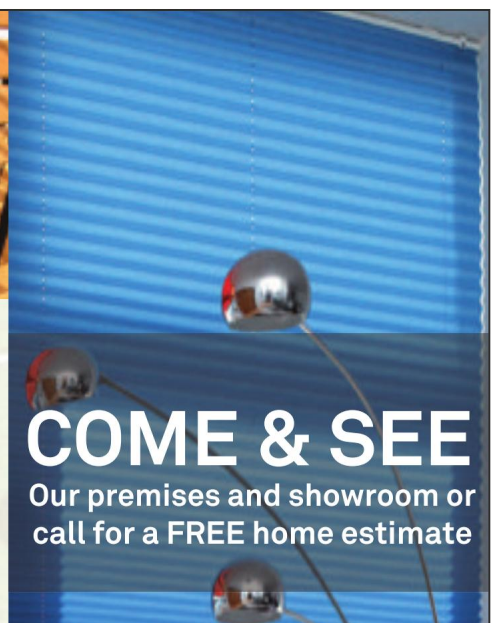
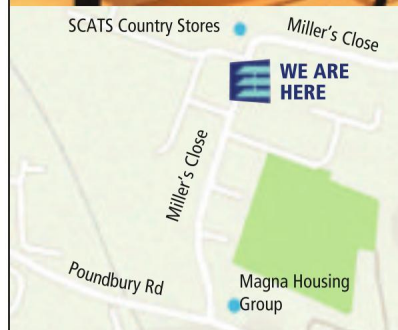
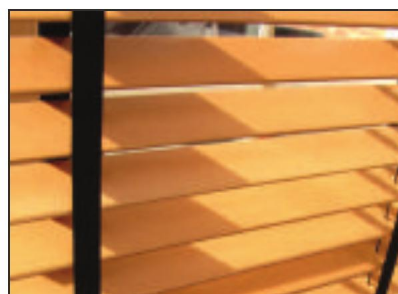
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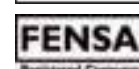
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Your guide to local live music

upcoming gigs

Friday 6 Feb
Marine Theatre, LYME
REGIS

**Jazz in the Bar: Pete
Canter & Philip
Clouts** Doors 7pm.
£6.50 adv, £7.50 door

Saturday 7 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Splinter 9.30pm

Bulls Head, DORCHESTER
John De Barra

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Delta Tango 7

Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
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4-6pm

Saturday 14 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Lizzards 9.30pm
Lord Nelson, DORCHESTER
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Nags Head, LYME REGIS
**Alan West & Steve
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Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Ben Poole
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Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Grouvecat 4-6pm

Saturday 21 Feb
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Daytona 9.30pm

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Sunday 22 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Cadenza 4-6pm

Saturday 28 Feb
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Tripod 9.30pm
Electric Palace, BRIDPORT
Fairport Convention
Doors 7.30pm.
£21+bf adv / £23 door

New line-up announcements for Camp Bestival

WHERE THE WILD THINGS WILL BE

THE second wave of acts has been revealed for Camp Bestival 2015, following the announcement of Underworld, Clean Bandit and Kaiser Chiefs as headliners.

This year's festival, taking place once again at the picturesque Lulworth Castle, takes on a 'Wild theme'.

Chief Wild Thing Rob da Bank: "I don't know where to start with our typically all encompassing, diverse and pretty wild line-up. Maybe at the end, with electronic mega-dons Underworld revving up for the grand finale on Sunday all the way back through iconic pop from **Alison Moyet**, **Level 42** and **Bob Geldof**, young guns **Wretch 32**, **Professor Green** and **Clean Bandit**, plus the hottest new blood **Kate Tempest**, **Slaves** and **George The Poet**. I'm really hoping there's a lot to discover at Camp Besti 2015. Not forgetting our most requested act every year and a total legend: Mr Tumble!"

"As Camp veterans know, music is only one part of the adventure and our incredible creative crew have really pulled it out of the bag with some really wild arts and kids shenanigans from The Train Trip to West End Kids and all the amazing workshops and wild activities to boot. Really hope to see you at our castle by the sea in sunny Lulworth in July!"

There will once again be a bill-topping slot from the man, the legend, and absolute kids' favourite, Mr Tumble. The wildest high jinx are guaranteed from the number one kids' clown, so whatever you do, don't dare miss Mr Tumble when he assumes his throne at Lulworth Castle!



Bob Geldof

Joining the three previously announced headliners, there will be loads more brilliant live music from the likes of Hackney's finest, Professor Green and lyrical gymnast, Wretch 32, who commented "I'm extremely excited to be coming to play for my fans at Camp Bestival, expect a special show! See you in the summer!"

Mercury Prize nominee and long-time Camp Bestival favourite Kate Tempest, world famous philanthropist and sometime Boomtown Rat Bob Geldof, legendary dance machine **Soul II Soul**, 80s pop powerhouse, Level 42, incredible chanteuse Alison Moyet, the silky voiced **Ella Eyre**, funk and rare groove legends **Cymande**, proper Manchester rave crew **808 State**, original punk-pop geniuses **Buz-zcocks**, turntable maestro **DJ Yoda**, and funny funders, **The Cuban Brothers**.

Bringing new meaning to the word campfire, we'll also have all out action from psychedelic warriors **The Crazy World Of Arthur Brown**, in your face duo **Slaves**, bubble gum upstarts **Only the Young**, BBC Sound of 2015 finalist George the Poet, folk royalty **Eliza Carthy**, and Australian male vocal group **The Spooky Men's Choral**. Plus we'll have raucous times with **Mr Wilson's Second Liners**, **Ekkah**, **The Rajasthan Heritage Brass Band**, **Weymouth Ukuleleans**, **Sinful Maggie**, **Folk Idol** and **Reggae-robics**.

As well as an incredible musical line-up, Camp Bestival is renowned for its variety of entertainment for all the family, including comedy, workshops, literary talks and more.

To keep up-to-date with further line-up announcements, for more information, or to book tickets, visit www.campbestival.net



Professor Green



Clean Bandit

Special two-for-one Valentine's deal

BEN POOLE SET TO ROCK THE ELECTRIC PALACE

THE Electric Palace are completing the live touring schedule for the incredible blues/rock musician Ben Poole on Saturday, February 14th. Ben has recently released his *Live at the Albert Hall* album, which is going down a storm with fans and critics alike, peaking at number 4 in the Amazon charts.

A talented guitarist, singer and songwriter with blues, rock, soul and pop influences, it's hard to categorise the style and genre of Ben's sound. The past few years have seen Ben Poole's profile raise far beyond expectation and a Ben Poole live show is certainly very energetic and not to be missed, giving the audience just what they want, an audience likes to be entertained and Ben and the band never fail to deliver.

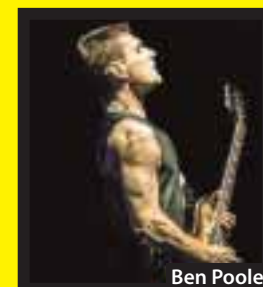
Ben is no stranger to award nominations, he was nomi-

nated for three awards at the British Blues Awards in 2011, including Best Young Artist and Best Original Song, was voted 'Best Newcomer' by Blues Matters magazine in their 2012 readers' poll, and was chosen by a respected panel of music industry aficionados to represent the UK at the 2012 European Blues Challenge held in Berlin, Ben coming third out of nineteen world class entries from nineteen different countries.

The last few years have seen Ben touring regularly across Europe and he has appeared at some of the biggest festivals across the continent including appearances at the Glastonbury Festival and Download Festivals in the UK, Sierre Blues Festival and Blue Balls Festivals in Switzerland, Playing with Fire Festival in the USA, Gdynia Festival in Poland, Dolanky Festival

in Czech Republic, Culemborg Festival and Highlands Festivals in Holland and the Schoppingen Blues Festival in Germany.

Ben Poole plays at the Electric Palace, Bridport on Saturday, February 14th, with doors opening at 7pm. Tickets are £10 plus booking fee in advance, or £12 on the door, and a buy one, get one free deal is available on all tickets. To book call 01308 428354, 01308 424901 or visit www.seetickets.com



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THE INTERVIEW ¹⁵

DAVE Skylark and producer Aaron Rapoport run the celebrity tabloid show "Skylark Tonight." When they land an interview with a surprise fan, North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un, they are recruited by the CIA to turn their trip to Pyongyang into an assassination mission.

Controversial comedy starring James Franco, Seth Rogen and Randall Park..

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Daily: 14.30, 17.30, 19.00, 20.30,

plus Sat & Sun: 11.30am

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Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.10

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Sat, Sun: 19.15, Wed: 14.00

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Daily: 15.40, 18.25, 20.45

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Into The Woods ^{PG}

Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.10,

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The Trials of Galileo

The first flowerings of scientific truth crushed by religious dogma in the Trials of Galileo - Royal Shakespeare Company veteran Tim Hardy brings his acclaimed one-man show to Dorchester.

AFTER a successful tour of the US, a sold-out run at the Brighton Fringe Festival and Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, RSC actor Tim Hardy follows a highly successful transfer to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and multiple four-star reviews by bringing his solo show The Trials of Galileo to Dorchester this season.

The Trials of Galileo focuses on the events surrounding his trial for heresy in 1633. "The Universe is a divine miracle Galileo, not a clockwork toy! 'Proof' denies faith, and without faith we are nothing." In this reprimand of Pope Urban is contained Galileo's tragedy – a mistaken belief that all he had to do was show the church his reasoning and his evidence and the church would fall in behind him. He understood the science better than any man alive, but never grasped the politics. Until it was too late.

Tim Hardy trained as an actor at RADA and has not only worked with the Royal Shakespeare Company but he has also directed and performed in many productions across the UK, Europe and the United States. As well as roles in numerous musicals, operas and films he has also performed in television programmes for the BBC and ITV and narrated over 300 television documentaries. Tim's extensive directing credits include many of Shakespeare's plays, Twelve Angry Men, The Crucible and Gaslight.

Laura Mulhern of Dorchester Arts says, 'As some may remember, the Royal Shakespeare Company were regular visitors to Dorchester a few years ago so we are really excited to welcome back another injection of RSC quality to the county town with this highly acclaimed dramatic representation of history.'

The Trials of Galileo will be performed at Dorchester Arts Centre on Friday 6th February at 8pm.

Another historical drama coming to Dorchester Arts in February is United We Stand – the true story of one of the most turbulent battles in industrial history, the 1972 Builder's Strike. Townsend Productions skilfully present the events surrounding the strike and the high-profile Shrewsbury 24 Campaign.

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There is plenty of on-site parking and the cost of entry is just £6. Full bar and beverage facilities will be laid on by the centre. From Honiton main street, The Beehive can be found 500 yards along on the left.

The Duo, who have run dance events around the South West for 16 years, will also be in the area for Saturday, February 14th, presenting a Valentine's Ball, with all the trimmings, at The Guildhall in Chard - a great dance venue with superb sprung floor and amenities. Again, the entry fee is £6 and there is ample free parking (after 6pm) behind the building. You can bring your own soft drinks and snacks, while home beverages and biscuits are provided for a small charity donation. Evening wear is preferred for this event.

So far, Dancing Duo and their dancers have raised £15,000 for the regional cardiac charity - Heartswell South West.

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Grounded at the Marine Theatre

WINNER of the Fringe First Award (2013) and the OffWestEnd Award for Best Production, the Marine Theatre excitedly welcomes a gripping, new play entitled 'Grounded' through its doors on Saturday 7th February.

This one-woman-show tells the story of a hot-rod F16 fighter pilot turned drone operative whose career in the sky is over. Now, she sits in an air-conditioned trailer in Las Vegas flying remote-controlled drones over the Middle East. She struggles through surreal 12-hour shifts far from the battlefield, hunting terrorists by day and being a wife and mother by night.

The sole title role is convincingly portrayed by actress Lucy Ellinson, whose extensive career in theatre, television and film has resulted in great critical acclaim and numerous award nominations (The Stage Awards – Best Solo Performance, OffWestEnd Theatre Awards – Best Female Performance, Evening Standard Awards – Best Solo Performance). Her notably outstanding performances in Grounded, Mad Man (Plymouth Theatre Royal) and Trojan Women (The Gate, Notting Hill) saw rapturous critic reviews including the repetitive use of 'captivating', 'versatile' and 'mesmerising' (The Telegraph).

Previously performing to packed-out audiences in London and Edinburgh – and with recent news that Oscar Award-winning actress Anne Hathaway is set to play the role in

New York - Grounded flies from the heights of lyricism to the shallows of workaday existence, and targets our assumptions about war, family, and what it is to be a woman.

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The evening menu is now available seven nights a week. The restaurant has previously closed on a Sunday night during the winter but that is no longer the case. What better way to round off your weekend than sampling the

fantastic local food on offer at The Harbour Inn? The new full evening and lunch menus can be seen on the page opposite.

The Harbour Inn remains popular with both locals and visitors alike. Sunday Lunch is a favourite, with locally reared Roast Beef served with all the trimmings available for just £10.80. The specials board is always full of fresh, local fish dishes, all of which can be enjoyed on the beached area with those first class views in the warmer months.

There are also a couple of tables left for Valentines dinner on Saturday, February 14th, where the new menu will be served along with a number of specials specifically created for Valentines. Call now on 01297 442299 to avoid disappointment.



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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5th

BRIDPORT: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at Bridport United Church at 11.30am.

BRIDPORT: Electronic Organ Concert by David Ingley at the United Church Hall, East Street. Admission £8, members £7, visitors welcome. Concert starts at 7.30pm. For more details call 01460 73500.

WEYMOUTH: Broadway, Upwey & District Horticultural Society. 'All About Fuchsias', a talk by Derek Luther. At St. Nicholas School, Dorchester Road, Broadwey, starting at 7.30pm. Details on 814887.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6th

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7th

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs featuring "Jigs for Gigs" with caller Simon Maplesden, at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street. Bring and Share finger food supper, with soft drinks provided; bring your own beer/wine. Doors open 7.15 for 7.30-11pm dance. Tickets £8.50 on the door but numbers will be limited for comfortable dancing so better in advance for £7.50 from Bridport Music Shop and Jaxsons Delicatessen; or call to reserve with organiser Monty (on 01308 423442). See www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8th

LYME REGIS: Frozen Sing-along at the Scott Cinema at 10am. Tickets £7.50 per person, available from Archway Bookshop (Axminster) and Primary Colours (Lyme Regis) from January 16th. Event includes Anna & Elsa leading the event in person with singing and movements, fancy dress competition, props bags and more. Tickets are limited.

BRIDPORT: Eastern European and French Music and Dance Session (monthly, second Sundays) at The Ropemakers, 36 West St., DT6 3QP. 12.30-2.30pm, entry free. Contact Mecki on 01308 423442 for more info and advance copies of music if required.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9th

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BEAMINSTER: Dorset Moviola present 'Magic in the Moonlight' (cert 12a) at the Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from Yarn Barton (01308 862715) or call 01308 861378, or £5.50 on the door.

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 5.45-7pm at the WI Hall. £5 per session. Every Monday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEYMOUTH: Bruce Painting makes his debut at

Pub with food

United We Stand

POLITICALLY committed theatre company Townsend Productions brings the true story of one of the most turbulent battles in British industrial history – the 1972 Builders' Strike to Dorset as part of their 2015 UK tour. United We Stand will be performed on Friday, February 13th at Dorchester Arts Centre at 8pm.

The events surrounding the strike are still making headlines to this day and the high-profile Shrewsbury 24 Campaign, led by picket turned actor Ricky Tomlinson, is still seeking to overturn the prosecution of the 24 building workers.

United We Stand, written by Neil Gore tells the story behind the dispute with popular and political songs arranged by renowned folk musician John Kirkpatrick. It will reflect the great tide of anger, which rocked the very foundations of the established political elite, examine the extraordinary political will of all the participants and share the anguish of falling prey to a flagrant miscarriage of justice. Expect a combination of Townsend Productions' trademark small-cast, grand theatrical style and wit with popular and political songs of the early seventies and Ricky Tomlinson's poems from his time in prison.

Actor Ricky Tomlinson is best known for his TV appearance in the BBC sitcom The Royle Family, who was jailed during the 1970s for his part in a building workers' strike. For 30 years he and the rest of the 'Shrewsbury 24' have campaigned to clear their names. Ricky says, "Four of the Shrewsbury pickets are now dead. The oldest is 89, and I've just turned 75...this play is part of the mission to keep the issue in the public eye. It's a way of reminding the authorities that we're not going anywhere just yet."

Townsend Productions, known for high-octane political drama, has previously created a musical drama about the Tolpuddle Martyrs and a two-handed adaptation of The Ragged Trousered Phi-

lanthropists by Robert Tressell.

Tickets £10/£8 members & concessions. To book call Box Office 01305 266926 or visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk Also showing at Bridport Arts Centre and Marine Theatre Lyme Regis

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WEYMOUTH: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society start their year of meetings with 'Bees and Pollination', a talk by local Beekeeper Mervyn Bown, advising on suitable plants to grow throughout the year for all types of bees. All welcome at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, from a start at 7.30 pm. Further details available from Julie or Peter on 01305 772533.

DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet in the Lecture Theatre, Dorset County Hospital Dorchester at 2.30pm. Mike Crankshaw will give a talk entitled "From Stourhead to Mudeford by Canadian Canoe".

BRIDPORT: West Dorset Flower Club demonstration by florist Angie Blackwell at the WI Hall at 2.30pm. Visitor entry £4.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10th

LYME REGIS: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at St Michael the Archangel Church at 11am.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. 10.30am-12noon at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Tuesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Bridport History Society will meet at 2.30 pm in the Bridport United Church Main Hall with a second "Show and Tell WWI" session. All welcome, Visitors entry £2.50.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11th

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Chair-based Exercise. 11.15am-12.30pm at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Wednesday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: Barnardo's Helpers' Group Cakes & Bakes. Bring some, buy some. At United Church Hall, 10am-12noon. In aid of Barnardo's.

DORCHESTER: Film: 'Fly Away Home' showing at Evergreens Cinema, at Age UK Dorchester, Prince of Wales Road. Lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served during the showing, for just £1.50. Everyone welcome. Details: 01305 269444.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12th

BEAMINSTER: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at St Mary's Church at 11am.

DORCHESTER: The Thursdays Group will meet in St. George's Church Hall, Fordington to hear a talk by Rev Anita Thorne 'Memories from 8 years living and working on the Isle and Royal Manor of Portland.' Starting at 2.15pm the charge is £1 to cover tea/coffee.

DORCHESTER: Richard Lane, President of Diabetes UK, will talk about the work of Diabetes UK and how the charity is working to improve care for everyone affected by diabetes. At the Dorford Centre (DT1 1RR - opposite Top o' Town car park), 7pm for 7.30pm. The talk will be preceded by the West Dorset Group's AGM. Everyone affected by diabetes is welcome to attend.

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group. 'The World of Hellebores'. An illustrated talk by Diana Guy, a BBC Gardener of the Year and specialist in hellebores, looking at the range of species and cultivars of hellebores for the garden and how to use them to good effect. At 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College, DT2 8PY. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1 at door). Details from 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13th

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Workshop on Close up and Macro images. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

WEYMOUTH: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at Holy Trinity Church at 2pm.

MARTINSTOWN, NEAR DORCHESTER: Exercise to Music for ages 40+. 10-11.30am at the village hall. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music for ages 50+. 3-4.30pm at the WI Hall, George Street, West Bay. £5 per session. Every Friday. For more details call Suzanne on 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: University of the Third Age Coffee Morning 10am to noon. For the retired and semi-retired to learn (or teach) in groups. Come along and meet the group leaders and sign up for one or more of approx. 40 different subjects, everything from table tennis to geology. At Woodmead Hall, Hill Road. Entry is free. More information about the U3A at lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297 444566.

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Tickets are available from Burton Bradstock Post Office or by ringing 01308 898707. Seats are not numbered and doors open at 7pm, for the evening performances on Wednesday, February 18th to Saturday, February 21st. Doors open at 2pm for the February 21st matinee. The cost is £7 for adults and £5 for under 16s.

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Members of the cast, including Daisy The Cow and Jack (left)

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A 140 MILLION year old crocodile found on the Jurassic Coast is now on display at Dorset County Museum.

The 60cm long skull dates from the Cretaceous Period of geological time, around 140 million years ago. It was found in 2007 near Swanage by Richard Edmonds, Earth Science Manager for the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site team. Richard said, "It was a really lucky find. A part of my job is to monitor the condition of the rocks and fossils along the World Heritage Site but you don't expect to find something this spectacular without spending a lot more time on the coast. I have collected fossils for thirty years but this is a once in a lifetime find."

The 'Swanage Snapper' fossil has recently been studied at Bristol University and has been found to be a new species. The full name is *Goniopholis kiplingi* in homage to British author and nature enthusiast Rudyard Kipling whose crocodile characters feature in stories such as the Just So Stories tales. He would have enjoyed the idea of this prehistoric creature waiting just under the surface of a warm freshwater lagoon to ambush unsuspecting prey. Dinosaurs emerging from lush tropical foliage to take a drink would have been gripped by powerful jaws and rolled beneath the water until drowned or crushed to death.

However, this particular crocodile did not have everything its own way – on top of the skull are bite marks from another crocodile, possibly even larger, which bit down with such force that the conical marks of its teeth are still visible today.

The fossil skull is very well preserved, having been buried quite rapidly by lagoon sediment, although its teeth rotted out before this took place. It was slightly flattened by the sediment's weight before it hardened into rock and is surrounded by fossil shellfish, along with a turtle shell plate and a poo (thankfully fossilised too).

Curators at Dorset County Museum are grateful to Jurassic Coast Trust for funding the project and Mowlam Metalcraft for providing the mount for the new display. For more information on the new crocodile display phone 01305 262735 or visit www.dorsetcountymuseum.org.

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GET in the mood for Valentine's Day with Parisian chic as vocalist Magdalena Atkinson sings a varied programme of well loved songs from the greats, including Edith Piaf, Charles Trenet and Charles Aznavour at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 13th.

Most familiar will be the classic music of Piaf, France's most beloved entertainer, national icon and musical legend. Magdalena's singing is not an impersonation but an interpretation, always heartfelt, sometimes humorous, and highlights are plentiful, from *Milord* to *La Vie en Rose*, *Mon Dieu* to the inevitable *Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien*.

Magdalena's journey with chansons started in her childhood, when her family spent three years in French-speaking Algeria. She was immersed in the language and was deeply touched by the songs she heard on the radio. Later on she studied music to masters level at university and was inspired by classes with the renowned soprano Evelyn Tubb and counter-tenor Kai Wessel. Combining her singing with her lifelong study of French language and culture, chansons have become the ideal way for her to communicate her love of both.

Philip Clouts is the perfect accompanist for this project, being a composer and pianist both in his own quartet and also in Zubop, described in the Observer as "that spirited, hugely enjoyable jazz outfit, which takes the whole world of music as its home territory".

Magdalena Atkinson and Philip Clouts perform at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, February 13th at 8pm. Tickets are £10, available by calling 01308 424204.



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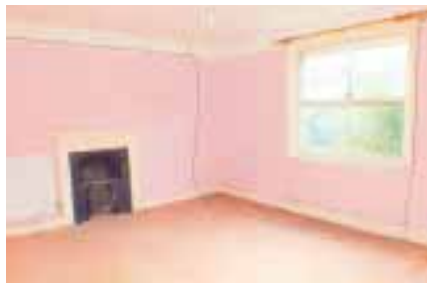
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This sibling to Captur shakes up established thinking by bringing an innovative and attractive proposition to the crossover market. The Renault Kadjar stands out through its fluid, athletic exterior styling. Meanwhile, its interior is both sporty and refined, courtesy of the quality of the materials employed and the attention that has gone into its finish.

Available with either four- or two-wheel-drive transmission, the Renault Kadjar encourages adventure while at the same time delivering easy manoeuvrability in town thanks to its compact footprint (4.45 metres long x 1.84 metres wide).

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The Renault Kadjar will be unveiled to the public at the 85th Geneva Motor Show which

opens to the public on 5th March 2015.

It will go on sale in the summer in both Europe and a high number of countries in Africa and the Mediterranean Basin region and is scheduled to appear in RHD form in the UK in the Autumn.

Renault extends its crossover range

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In 2014, almost one in every five vehicles sold across the world was a crossover, with the segment enjoying a market share of 23 per cent in Europe and 26 per cent in China. The segment consequently represents a real entry point to the key growth markets targeted by the group.

Captur was the second model to appear in Renault's crossover range after the Renault Koleos. Success was immediate. Thanks to its practical innovations and bold personality, this urban crossover emerged at the top of the European B-segment crossover market, with slightly more than 178,000 registrations in 2014.



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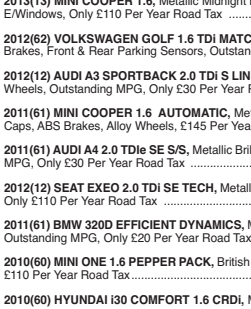
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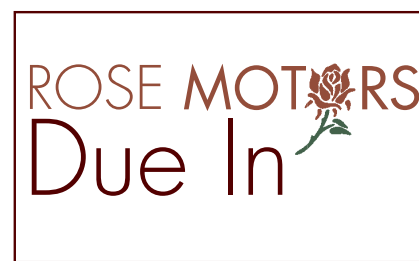
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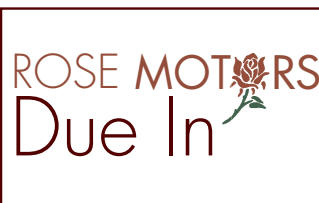
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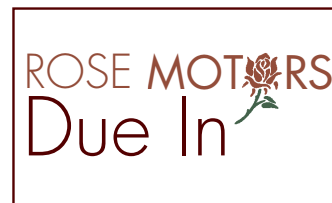
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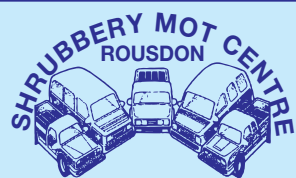
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Crusaders crushed by glorious Magpies

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DORCHESTER Town turned the form-book upside down on Saturday when they travelled to Hungerford Town and produce an inspired performance to inflict the Crusaders first home defeat of the season.

Dorchester dominated the game at the Bulpit where Hungerford where had not conceded more than one goal per game this season and on the back of an unbeaten eleven match run.

But such was the Magpies control that keeper Alan Walker-Harris only had one noteworthy save to make late in the game when he tipped Mark Draycott's effort over the bar.

Playing with a back three, Jermyn gave a debut to new signing Bradley Tarbuck, on loan from Portsmouth, on the left wing.

Former Republic of Ireland international Alan O'Brien's speed gave the Dorchester defence a couple of scares early but his crosses came to nothing, before the visitors took the lead on five minutes.

Chris Dillon's long throw into the box took a deflection and Diak John at the far post under pressure from Dan Smith, in attempting to head it over the bar only succeeded in finding the top corner of his own net.

Lewis Morgan, Ben Watson and Smith all had chances to increase the lead, but it looked like one goal was all the Magpies need to show for their first half pressure until Nathan Walker added a second a minute before the break, getting on the end of

Dillon's lay back from Smith's cross to prod the ball home.

Watson had two more chances in the second half to improve the advantage whilst Crusaders keeper Paul Strudley had to tip Walker's effort over the top as Dorchester ran out comfortable winners.

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HAVING lost four of their last five league games Weymouth needed victory against Histon to get them back in contention for the Southern League Premier Division title.

Fortunately Corby losing at Paulton Rovers lessened the pain and allowed Weymouth to maintain second spot behind Poole Town, although the Dolphins are two points ahead with two games in hand.

The Terras were almost given a helping hand after just four minutes when visiting skipper Stuart Wall headed against his own crossbar.

Weymouth saw plenty of the ball but were finding it hard to pierce the Histon rearguard and it looked like the teams would go in all-square at the break.

However, in added time Chris Shephard got on the end of an Adam Kelly cross to put the Terras ahead.

Loanee James Reid headed wide from Shephard's cross early in the second half whilst Lewis McDonald went closest for the visitors with a

shot that fizzed past Jason Matthews post.

Weymouth got breathing space on 68 minutes with a second goal; Reid firing home after Stewart Yetton had chested Chris McPhee's long pass into his path.

Histon's Salim Relzani thumped a shot against a post on 75 minutes, but Weymouth made sure of the points when Reid scored his second eight minutes from time after sub Alex Fiddes played him in.

Crusaders too strong

HUNGERFORD TOWN 2 WEYMOUTH 0

Calor Premier – att; 186

WEYMOUTH failed to prevent the Crusaders' march which has seen them go 11 games unbeaten.

It was always going to be a tough ask against a team that is undefeated at home this season, and with Weymouth's poor run of three defeats in four, so it proved.

The task was made even harder when Hungerford scored a early goal, Paul Draycott converting Alan O'Brien's corner from close range, but Steve Colwell went close in reply, powerfully heading Shephard's corner over the top.

After the break James Pilling struck the crossbar, before Crusaders keeper Paul Strudley pulled off an incredible save to prevent Calvin Brooks equalising with a header.

Try as they could Weymouth could not pierce the Crusaders defence which had not conceded more than one goal in their home league

matches.

Three minutes from time Pilling sealed the points when after losing the ball in midfield it was slipped through for the striker to run on and fire home the second.

DORSET FOOTBALL LEAGUE Senior League

CHICKERELL United's unexpected 5-0 defeat at the hands of visitors Piddletrenthide Spartans allowed Balti House to extend their lead at the top to six points, although they have played a game more.

Grant Chance went nap with five in their 6-1 defeat of South Cheriton with Ethan Devaney scoring the other.

Portland United Reserves stay rooted to the bottom after going down 4-0 to Gillingham Town Reserves.

The defeat leaves the Islanders three points adrift at the foot of the table not having won since early October.

Division One

SECOND placed Kangaroos were beaten 3-1 at Westland Sports Reserves who now take closer order in fourth; Richard Beasley scoring their only goal.

Stourpaine extended their lead in pole position to six points and remain unbeaten, following their 4-1 success against bottom placed visitors Poundbury Rovers.

Bere Regis beat visitors Swanage Town & Herston 6-1 with their goals from Jordan Parsons (2) and one

each for Matt Elford, Glen Suttley, John Sanders and an own goal.

Division Two

PORTLAND Town couldn't contain second placed visitors Boscombe Polonia who ran out 2-0 winners, but Wyke Regis Social Club stay in the top four despite only sharing the points in a 3-3 draw at AFC Blandford.

Two goals from Colin Upfold and a strike from Craig Newton helped Portesham United move out of the bottom in their 3-1 win against visitors Parley Sports Reserves.

Division Four

PORTLAND United Youth kept up their unbeaten record and stay top following a single Robert Maxsted goal gave them victory over visitors United Club Of Poundbury.

Fleetline kept up the pressure on the leaders by winning 6-1 victory at bottom side Corfe Mullen United Reserves, whilst the game between Kangaroos and Overmoigne ended 1-1 with Paul Champion netting for the Kangaroos and Ismael Gonzalez for the visitors.

Division Five

PORTLAND Town B finally won their first league game of the season beating visitors United Football Club of Poundbury Reserves with a goal from Paul Cole.

However, they are still five points behind second bottom Corfe Castle Reserves who beat New Windowman 3-2.

Weymouth Basketball

No Final for Bandits

Crediton Chargers 78

Weymouth Mission Fitness Bandits 67

WEYMOUTH Bandits took a road trip to Middlemore to face off against the Crediton Chargers for a semi-final cup.

The opening of the game saw Vitoldas Balciunas win the tip off allowing Ian Manley the game, but hard play on both ends of the court from both teams saw the score remain very close throughout.

Three straight points from Joel Franks followed by four free throws made by guard Craig Sorrell saw Weymouth end the opening quarter trailing by a point at 16-17.

The second quarter followed a similar pattern. Weymouth opened the scoring with Chris Canham getting his first points of the game, but once again for every point they scored, Crediton answered with points of their own.

The Bandits showed a change in defensive strategy attempting to stop points from coming from the inside, and while this tactic worked, it prompted the hosts to change up their own strategy which worked as they finished the quarter having scored three, three pointers.

Although Weymouth managed a three pointer at the end Crediton led 39-34 at half-time.

Weymouth were looking for a strong quarter to reduce the deficit, but unfortunately the beginning did not go as well planned as the Chargers scored eight points to Weymouth's two.

The next three minutes saw Weymouth spark their offence as they scored back-to-back points from Jake Kinder and Balciunas, but Crediton responded to score five unanswered points to lead 55-45 with a quarter to go.

The fourth quarter needed some huge plays cut the deficit to eight points. But then disaster struck as guard Kinder was forced to sit the remainder of the game through injury.

Manley scored eight points in the quarter, but once again Crediton found their rhythm and managed to maintain the lead throughout to move into the final.

MVP: Craig Sorrell

Scores/Roster: Craig Sorrell 19, Joel Franks 13, Ian Manley 10, Vitoldas Balciunas 11, Jake Kinder 7, Andy Steel 5, Chris Canham 2, Carl Carter.

Dorchester Youth Rugby

U13 just edge thriller

Dorchester U13 20

Vessex Prep Schools 19

THIS was an excellent game between two well-matched sides which proved to be Dorchester's toughest test of the season but the squad came through with flying colours scoring four tries.

Most of the club matches played are considered to be training matches without too much stress being placed upon the final result; naturally this allows for varying levels of performance, commitment and concentration.

However this game required 100 per cent commitment and concentration which the whole squad delivered.

The tackling, rucking and especially the mauling were very well delivered. The ball handling was extremely good especially given the pressure applied by the opposition, resulting in tries by Fred Marsden, Zac Southall, Ed Martin and Taylor Moore.

This game could have gone either way, but it was exactly the type of test the squad needed before the next round of the Dorset Cup.



MADE IT: Zack Southall scores the second Dorchester try.

Table tennis

Depleted Pilgrims win through in Cup

THE semi-finals of the Weymouth and District Handicap Cup will be contested by Division One's only remaining survivor, Pilgrims A, and the top three teams from Division Three, Wyke D, Budmouth D and All Saints.

Pilgrims A overcame Springfield B despite only having two players on the night. Richard Willshire and Stuart Walden put the Division One side 2-0 up with almost identical straight set wins over Mike Richardson and Angela Smallbone.

Willshire then beat Smallbone before Walden won his second two set match with victory over Paul Marvell. Willshire then beat Marvell to wrap up the tie, coming from a 0-11 handicap down to win 21-12, 21-16.

Wyke D beat Division Three rivals Budmouth E. April Heasman got Budmouth off to a great start by beating Rod Wyness 2-1, but Ian South drew Wyke level by beating Snigdha Maganti before Rog Walden beat Harriet Pullen two straight. Maganti then beat Wyness to level the match up but consecutive leg wins from each of the Wyke team gave Wyke a 5-2 victory.

Budmouth D eased through to the last four with a 5-0 win over Springfield A. Will Jolliffe, Ethan Gear and Eddie Knell won their opening ties 2-0. Springfield's Steve Rook and Steve Rockett put up some resistance by taking Gear and Knell to three sets but couldn't stop them wrapping up the tie.

Budmouth D were joined in the semi finals by the youngsters from All Saints as they beat Preston A. Ben Hannigan and brothers Dan and Luke Dadds gave the youngsters a 3-0 lead. Eddie Chapman gave Preston their only point of the tie by defeating Hannigan in straight sets.

Dan Dadds then put All Saints within a point of victory with a win over Roger Lovell. The final match of the tie was played off scratch between Luke Dadds and Derrick Shillady. The first set was shaded by Shillady but he lost out in an epic second 33-31 which gave Dadds the momentum to sew up a 21-17 final set victory and send his team through.

The semi final line-up sees Wyke D pitted against Budmouth D, whilst the youngsters of All Saints will look to upset the odds by beating Pilgrims A for a place in the final.

Dorchester & District Snooker

RECENT results and tables as at February 1st: Colliton Hopefuls 4 Trinity M 2, WDC YYMFDT 6 WDC Whipping Boys 0, Colliton XQ 2014 4 Trinity Express 3.

30+ Breaks: A Page & R. Wittig both 30.

Top Break of the Season: G Bartlett 68.

Week 13	Pld	Pts
Trinity M	12	54
Bridport Con Club	10	48
WDC YYMFDT	11	41
Trinity Express	11	41
Colliton XQ2014	11	39
Trinity Gooduns	9	36
Colliton Hopefuls	11	32
Purbeck Potters	9	26
Whipping Boys	10	16

Team Handicap Knock-out Cup Semi-Finals:

WDC Whipping Boys v Purbeck Potters - Tonight-February 4th @ Colliton Club, Trinity M v Trinity Express - Tomorrow, February 5th @ Trinity Club.

Team Open Knockout Cup - Semi-Finals:

Trinity Gooduns v Trinity M - Monday, February 2nd @ Trinity Club, Brid Con Club WDC A v Trinity Express - Tuesday, February 3rd @ Colliton Club.

Rearranged League matches:

Colliton XQ 2014 v Brid Con Club WDC A - Monday February 9th, Purbeck Potters v WDC Whipping Boys - Monday February 23rd, Trinity Express v Trinity Gooduns - Thursday February 26th, Trinity Gooduns v Colliton XQ 2014 - to finish (score so far 2-3), Trinity Gooduns v Purbeck Potters (Being rearranged by captains). Billiards

It is disappointing that, despite extending the closing date for entries, only two entries were received for the Billiards League. As a result of this, it has been decided that no Billiards League will take place in 2015.

Roll up to learn bowls

DORCHESTER Bowls Club are holding an **Open Day** at their clubhouse on Armada Way on Saturday, February 14th to encourage people to take up bowls.

The event, which runs between 10am and 4pm, is open to all beginners who would like to take up the sport.

No experience is necessary, and all coaching and equipment will be provided free for the day.

There is free parking on site and refreshments will be available.

Just turn up at the clubhouse (postcode DT1 2TN) or ring 01305 260817 for more information.

Hockey

Thompson screamer earns Hawks a point

Sidm'th & Ottery A 2 West Dorset Hawks 2
THIRD placed West Dorset Hawks head Sidmouth & Ottery on goal difference only and at the end they were still locked together after a terrific game of high quality hockey.

The West Dorset team welcomed captain Rick Dormor back after injury, but he substituted himself off for the first quarter, allowing the mid-field of Dan Wyatt, Alex Davis, Rick Steele and Rusty Coombes, to work out their markers in preparation for the first onslaught from their hosts.

The hosts kept the pressure on the Hawks in the early exchanges, but eventually the visitors organised themselves to cover their offences.

Steve Mearing normally an out and out striker helped the midfield to mark their link pin player in the middle, which did however hamper his attacking options.

The stalemate was broken after striker Mike Thompson threaded a ball through to Rusty Coombes who beat one defender before slotting the ball into the corner.

Sid & Otter always looked dangerous though, and before long they equalised – slotting the ball past keeper Tom Lowe who had no chance.

After the break Dan Wyatt watched from the sideline for the third quarter, while the home defence continued to make it difficult for the home team, but the pressure of some fast movement opened them up again to score another classy goal to take the lead.

It was a great game of hard fought hockey and it was going to need a moment of brilliance to earn West Dorset a point. And that was what transpired when Thompson managed to engineer a brilliant reverse goal out of nothing inside their D to level the scores.

Skipper Dormor said: "It was a superb game,

every player played well, but a special mention should go to the forwards; Steve Mearing and Mike Thompson."

Depleted but victorious

WEST DORSET A 3 TAUNTON VALE D 0
IT was only at the 11th hour that West Dorset A managed to put a team together due to injuries and player unavailability against South East 2 league strugglers Taunton Vale D.

As a result it took much of the first half for players to settle and there was little to choose between the two sides in the opening exchanges.

The visitors were mostly reliant on absorbing West Dorset pressure and trying to catch them on the break.

However the home side started to enjoy more of the possession as the half wore on and created the better chances.

They took the lead after 20 minutes. Jason Larcombe fed the ball to Simon Wakely who worked himself a bit of space on the edge of the area before driving a fierce shot into the goal for a half-time lead.

At the interval a call for a bit more attacking width and player movement in the second-half paid dividends immediately and within a minute of the restart the hosts doubled their lead.

John Kellas was left unmarked in front of goal and managed to flick the ball over the keeper into the net after his first shot was saved.

This settled the hosts and they began to control proceedings with Andrew Frampton and Wakely dominating in midfield.

Taunton Vale did occasionally threaten on the break, but West Dorset keeper Lee Herrod was

rarely troubled with the defence of Julian May, Giles Maltby, Henry Middleton and Rob Cox keeping the visitors at bay.

As the half wore on, West Dorset were finding more and more space and winning a lot of short corners and it was from one of these that they put the result beyond doubt with 10 minutes remaining.

Kellas' initial shot was saved, but Rich Wilson was able to put the ball into the middle of the 'D' where Middleton was unmarked and fired the ball low through a group of players and into the corner to complete the scoring.

Captain Middleton said: "Once we got our noses in front I felt that we were mostly in control although we had a few scares.

"It was difficult putting a team together this week and rookie Darren Cook was given his full debut.

"Thanks again to regular umpires Dave Foot and Mike May."

Beaminster toil

GILLINGHAM 2ND 1 BEAMINSTER 2
BEAMINSTER made hard work of beating bottom Gillingham 2nd's, although to be fair there is little to choose between all the teams bar leaders Yeovil & Sherborne 2nd's.

Beaminster, who for the first third of the season looked to be the weak link having won only one point from their first six games, drew level on points with second placed Bournemouth 3rd's with this win, their seventh in eight following the return of several experienced players from injury.

However, they should have won by more had they taken their chances.

Despite a lot of early possession Beaminster

rarely threatened the home goal although Phoebe Stewart's relentless closing down ensured Gillingham had little time on the ball.

They eventually found the net midway through the half when Julia May's cut back from the byline found Genna Bunker who slotted home.

Gillingham responded with some pressure of their own and with an experienced midfield and strong young runners up front they forced Beaminster to adjust their shape to ensure they didn't get back in the game through quick counterattacks.

The changes worked and five minutes after the interval, Beaminster doubled the advantage when May committed the keeper before giving Andrea Thomas a simple tap in.

With so much possession, Beaminster became a little lazy and failed to play their normal attacking game which gave Gillingham chances to counter, although stand-in keeper Sarah Davies wasn't called upon until midway through half.

Finally the hosts' persistence paid off and they pierced the Beaminster defence with a one-on-one which was converted.

This left Beaminster a nervy 15 minutes but they still had a short corner cleared off the line and forced the home keeper into a couple of good saves.

Once again this was a good team performance and beside Phoebe Stewart's excellent play, credit to Iris Garcia and Hattie Stewart for keeping their width down the wings and stretching the home defence.

Beaminster: Sarah Davies, Georgie Simmons, Jenny Clarke, Tracey Smith, Julia May, Genna Bunker, Andrea Thomas, Iris Garcia, Hattie Stewart, Phoebe Stewart, Holly Clarke.

Channel Div 1	Pld	Pts
Yeovil & Sher 2nd.....14	35	
Bournemouth 3rd.....12	22	
BEAMINSTER.....13	19	
B & SN 2nd.....14	16	
Salisbury 4th.....14	16	
Yeovil & Sher 3rd.....13	13	
Salisbury 3rd.....11	13	
Gillingham 2nd.....12	9	

D' Wood Div 1 (top)	Pld	Pts
Tavistock.....15	42	
Isca C.....15	30	
WEST DORSET.....15	24	
Sidmth & Ott A.....15	24	
Camborne SoM.....15	23	
Bude.....15	20	
PGSOB A.....15	18	
Plymouth Uni A.....15	17	
USHC Plymouth.....15	17	
EAST Devon A.....15	15	
OPMA.....15	10	
Truro B.....15	8	

SE 2 Div (top)	Pld	Pts
Bridgwater B.....12	33	
W.DORSET A.....12	28	
North Devon A.....12	25	
Ashmoor A.....11	20	
Chard A.....12	18	
Bridgwater C.....12	18	
Sidmth & Ott C.....12	18	
Minehead B.....12	6	
Taunton Vale D.....13	5	
Sidmth & Ott D.....12	4	

Walking Football anyone?

WALKING football in set to be launched in Beaminster.

If you are over 50 and fancy a go at this growing phenomenon why not pop along to Beaminster School all-weather pitch on Monday evenings between 6 and 7pm.

For more information contact Ryan Sweetman on 07803 723705

Bridport Cribbage

Pd	F	A	BL
George Inn.....16	130	110	25
Durbeyleigh.....16	130	110	18
Quardeck B.....15	121	104	25
King Charles.....15	116	109	24
Crown Inn B.....15	115	110	20
Quardeck A.....16	112	128	26
Ilchester Arms.....15	107	118	23
Oddfellows.....14	106	104	30
Anchor Inn.....16	105	135	17
Crown Inn A.....14	97	113	20

Lyme Regis & Dist Darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club.....9	18	
Nags Head A.....9	17	
Rockpoint.....9	14	
Janners.....9	10	
Nags Z.....9	9	
Royal Standard.....7	8	
Hunters Lodge.....9	7	
Talbot Arms.....9	7	
Four Play.....9	6	
Cobb Arms.....9	4	
George.....9	4	
Half an Octopus.....8	0	

180s: Mark Barnett x4, R.Cross, Wayne Doble and Terry Prowse all x2.

Rugby

Swans prove too strong for Blues

Swanage & Wareham 2nd 34 Bridport 0

SWANAGE & WAREHAM won handsomely when they visited Bridport back in October and started this match full of confidence.

Bridport were missing several key players and fielded a slightly makeshift team, but in the end gave the hosts a decent contest, despite the final score line.

The hosts had nearly all the possession and territory in the first half and were rewarded with two converted tries and a penalty to lead 17-0. That they didn't have more, says much for Bridport's wholehearted defence exemplified by Jason Kidd standing in at fly-half.

The Swans conceded a number of penalties, but the only kickable one was missed and the few attacks launched by the visitor's came to nothing.

The second half followed much the same vein with the hosts adding a further 17 points via three tries, one of which was converted.

Unsurprisingly given that they were continually on the back foot, Bridport were guilty of missing a few tackles towards the end, but at no time did they give up.

Only once or twice did they have a sniff of the opposition's try line, but the defence was too solid and nothing came of it.

Bridport are home to Weymouth & Portland next Saturday.

Sidmouth U12 35 Bridport 12

THE was hardly a game to remember for Bridport who took to the field with only nine players. With a large squad, Sidmouth generously lent four players to keep the game on.

It was heartening to see the boys try and defend the running lines of Sidmouth but with players missing in key positions the task was too overwhelming, and with three quick tries from Sidmouth the game was lost in the first ten minutes.

At 25-0 Bridport played a much better second half, scoring two tries from Finlay Shoemark and Seth Furner. This was then answered by two from Sidmouth but the boys worked hard to prevent the floodgates opening.

Under 11s

AGAINST a well trained Sidmouth squad of fifteen players, Bridport needed to be at full strength, but the absence of captain George Found, and the late arrival of demon tackler Toby Gale meant that Bridport were hesitant, and at half time were losing five tries to nil.

Realising that only teamwork and tackling would stop the floodgates opening, Bridport began to play, and they put Oliver Hansford-Harvey over the try line. However two tries in reply meant Sidmouth won the first 20 minute game 7-1.

The second game was completely different. After a quick Sidmouth try, James Clatworthy began to get the hang of the fly-half position, and the arrival of Toby Gale, invigorated the tackling.

Daniel Smith set an example by driving 12 metres with three of the opposition trying to hold him back, and Araminta Smith playing the full 40 minutes, began to snipe behind the scrum.

Hansford-Harvey was again put through by Clatworthy, but a tiring Bridport let in two late tries to lose the game 3-1.

If Bridport's small but effective squad was reinforced with new recruits, this game could have been won, and therefore reader's are asked to look out for likely young Under 11s who would warm to rugby.

Training is every Wednesday 5pm till 6pm at the club ground by the Leisure Centre.

Sidmouth U9 15 Bridport 9

BRIDPORT played Sidmouth earlier in the season and

had been thoroughly outplayed, but not this time.

Sidmouth did win again, by 15 tries to nine, but were given a much sterner examination, something acknowledged by the opposition coaches who were full of praise for the progress made by Bridport's young players.

Some of Bridport's tackling was exceptional, led by Player of the Match Stanley Cooper and Charles Edwards. There were also some great offloads and a willingness to keep the ball moving.

Try scorers were Barney Johnson (2), Edwards (3), Dom Burdett and Cooper (3).

Dorset & Wilts 2S	Pld	+/	Pts
East Dorset.....14	322	66	
Salisbury II.....14	325	52	
Swanage & Wareham II.....14	257	49	
Puddletown.....14	4	43	
Weymouth & Portland.....14	207	36	
Bournemouth III.....14	77	33	
Dorchester II.....14	-27	30	
BRIDPORT.....14	-26	28	
Ellingham & Ringwood II.....14	-237	19	
New Milton II.....14	-240	19	
Wimborne III.....14	-307	6	
North Dorset III.....14	-355	4	



◆ **PLAYER OF THE MATCH:** Stanley Cooper (black skull cap) breaks through the Sidmouth defence

Lyme Regis Cribbage

Results: Talbot Arms 1 Nags Head LR 4, New Inn Kilminster 5 Steps 0, Beer Club 2 Ship Inn LR 3, Cloakham Lawns 2 Gerrard Arms 3, Lamb Swans 2 Old Inn Kilminster 3, Royal Oak 2 Axminster Con Club 3.

Beer League: Talbot Arms 0 Nags Head LR 3, New Inn Kilminster 2 Steps 1, Beer Club 0 Ship Inn LR 3, Cloakham Lawns 0 Gerrard Arms 3, Lamb Swans 1 Old Inn Kilminster 2, Royal Oak 1 Axminster Con Club 2.

Fixtures - February 9th: Talbot Arms v Royal Oak, New Inn Kilminster v Cloakham Lawns, Steps v Gerrard Arms, Beer Club v Lamb Swans, Ship Inn LR v Old Inn Kilminster, Nags Head LR v Axminster Con Club.

Table - week 18	Pld	Pts
New Inn Kilminster.....18	57	
Beer Club.....16	48	
Axminster Con Club.....18	47	
Lamb Swans.....17	46	
Royal Oak.....17	45	
Nags Head LR.....17	44	
Ship Inn LR.....17	43	
Old Inn Kilminster.....17	40	
Gerrard Arms.....18	40	
Talbot Arms.....18	39	
Steps.....18	38	
Cloakham Lawns.....17	33	

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Old Inn Kilminster.....17	31	
Ship Inn LR.....17	30	
New Inn Kilminster.....18	29	
Steps.....18	28	
Gerrard Arms.....18	28	
Lamb Swans.....17	27	
Nags Head LR.....17	26	
Talbot Arms.....18	26	
Royal Oak.....17	25	
Axminster Con Club.....18	23	
Cloakham Lawns.....17	21	
Beer Club.....16	19	

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Jermyn warns of complacency after super win

DESPITE producing the performance of the season in beating Hungerford Town on Saturday, manager Mark Jermyn insisted his players need to keep their feet on the ground.

The win was the first under Jermyn, but he won't be getting carried away by the result which lifts the Magpies clear of the relegation zone, with the home game against fellow strugglers Arlesey last night firmly in his sights.

He said: "We won't be taking the Arlesey game lightly, and in a way it will be mentally tougher as we will be expected to win, given their league position and our momentum."

"But that is not the case. It's not the way I want our players to work; I want them to take each game as they come."

"We are trying to build stability

in our results and as I said last week we were unfortunate not to get something out of the trip to Truro. This week we got a good result, but it's important we get something out of Tuesday."

Jermyn said: "We were so dominant in the first half they couldn't really get out and it was inevitable we would score at some point, and I don't think they could have complained had we gone in at the break three or four up."

"They changed their shape to try and counter us, but we matched them and the biggest compliment I think was from their manager Bobby Wilkinson, who said not many teams beat them tactically, and that's something we did very well."

The new boss felt his players deserved a lot of credit for the way they have turned their game

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around.

"I know the players have had a lot of flack over the last few months because of performances but now they need to receive the plaudits because they were fantastic, as they were against Truro and Banbury the week before."

"I think it's the organisation and everyone knowing what they have to do. The lads are taking on board what we have asked them and as long as they continue to buy into it we will be okay."

Jermyn known for his energy and never say die attitude on the pitch had a warning for his players though.

"One thing I will not accept however is a drop in performance lev-

els. Everyone is going to make mistakes, that's not a concern; what is are performance levels, and if people can give that week in, week out, we won't be far away."

The county town boss was also pleased with Tarbuck's debut. "He had a great start for us."

"I'm not in favour usually of playing people I have not seen play before, but I received four reviews who all said he was a good player who could add something to our team, which he really did with that extra little bit of quality and pace which enabled us to drive the game to them. He looked very comfortable and ensured me he enjoyed it, which is the main thing."

One thing Jermyn will be impressing on his players after chances to add to the score went begging on Saturday, is the need to improve their goal difference.

"I was at Dorchester when it came down to the wire and Tom Mitchell's goal in the last game of the season saved us from relegation, and I don't want that happening again."

"So we need to be a little more clinical in front of goal. It's all very well winning but we need to take our chances to improve our goal difference."

He finished on a positive note by saying: "We're looking up now rather than across or down."

"Everyone appears to have bought into it, and even the boys that came off the bench got into their jobs straight away."

"Not results but performance wise, we have been good and there's a good spirit among the team. Everyone appears refreshed a bit and there's a feel-good factor around the club."

Southern League Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Poole Town	26	37	62
WEYMOUTH	28	20	60
Truro City	31	17	60
Corby Town	29	21	57
Hungerford Town	31	15	53
Redditch Utd	29	24	51
Cirencester Town	31	22	51
St Neots Town	30	8	50
Hitchin Town	31	9	48
Chesham United	30	13	46
Dunstable Town	31	5	44
Chippenham Town	31	-4	42
Paulton Rovers	31	4	41
Slough Town	29	-5	39
Bideford	30	-18	37
Cambridge City	28	-3	31
Biggleswade Town	28	-11	30
Histon	29	-20	29
DORCHESTER	29	-17	25
Arlesey Town	29	-30	24
Frome Town	28	-28	23
Burnham	30	-22	19*
Banbury United	29	-34	19

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